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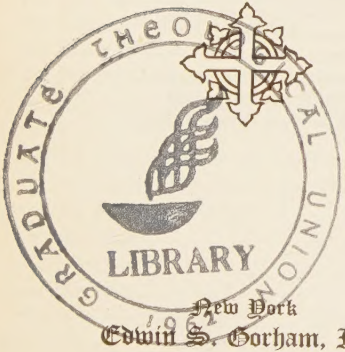

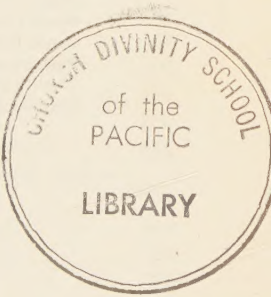

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THE first intention of this book is to provide a collection of Prayers that shall supplement The Book of Common Prayer in the hands of the Parish Priest in his daily ministrations and occasional services. The collection contains many Prayers which have approved themselves through use in Parish work. Some of them are, in a sense, accepted, in that they are not only of ancient origin, but are also in constant use in many places. Others are new, either in origin or adaptation. That they should be gathered together in convenient form was the demand of experience on the part of the editors. It is believed that others will welcome such a collection and use it. The need of supplementing the authorized forms of the Prayer Book is more deeply felt each year, and is giving occasion not only to the growing use of ancient liturgical forms, but to new liturgical expression. If this book can help forward in any way this movement within the Church, its production will be doubly justified. It is believed that it will add to the book's practical value that it contains the Offices from The Book of Common Prayer and a selection of readings from the Bible.

The Prayers are arranged to follow the order of the Christian life in its relation to the Church, and, while they are primarily designed for the Priest, it is hoped that they will also be found useful by the people in their family devotions.

The editors are indebted to the Rev. Wm. R. Huntington, D.D., for kind co-operation in many ways, especially in reviewing and criticising the proof; they desire also to acknowledge the courtesy of Mr. Thomas Whittaker and of Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co., in allowing the use of certain prayers from their publications. But it is not possible to specify, except in one general word of thanks, the many sources and helpers to whom the gratitude of the compilers is due.

C. M. A.
J. W. S.

Whitsuntide, 1896

IN THE fourth edition the compilers have made certain changes in this book which the experience of its users in the past five years has suggested. These are, aside from minor corrections, the printing of the Psalms in the Prayer Book, instead of the King James' Version, the addition of a few carefully chosen hymns for house ministrations and the insertion of about thirty prayers in their appropriate places. In a few instances, prayers that have appeared in the first three editions have been omitted. The aim has been, in subtracting or adding, not to meet every conceivable need, but to gather together the really approved and useful prayers and to avoid any material increase in the bulk of the collection.

The compilers are encouraged by the kind reception which the book has received since its first appearance to ask from its friends such suggestions as may help toward its further improvement.

C. M. A.
J. W. S.

All Saints' Day, 1902

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This second revised edition is made necessary by the revision of The Book of Common Prayer. The Baptismal Office is the new Office, designed to take the place of the Offices now in the Prayer Book, and approved by the Convention of 1925. It awaits ratification in 1928. The other Offices from the Prayer Book are given as they now stand as the result of the already accomplished revision, with the incorporation in them of the few and minor changes approved in 1925, and now awaiting ratification.

At the same time, certain changes have been made in the Prayers and Readings. Those that have been omitted will not, it is believed, be missed;

and the prayers which have been added will, it is hoped, be welcomed by users of the book. Slight changes in arrangement are made, with a view to greater ease in finding desired selections. It has seemed wiser to keep the size of the volume materially unchanged.

C. M. A.
J. W. S.

Septuagesima, 1927

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I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of Sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PASTOR'S PRAYERS FOR HIMSELF AND HIS PEOPLE

. . . .

O LORD my God, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; yet thou hast honoured thy servant with appointing him to stand in thy House, and to serve at thy holy Altar. To thee and to thy service I devote myself, soul, body, and spirit, with all their powers and faculties. Fill my memory with the words of thy Law; enlighten my understanding with the illumination of the Holy Ghost; and may all the wishes and desires of my will centre in what thou hast commanded. And, to make me instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people now committed to my charge, grant that I may faithfully administer thy holy Sacraments, and by my life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word. Be ever with me in the performance of all the duties of my ministry: in prayer, to quicken my devotion; in praises, to heighten my love and gratitude; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression suitable to the clearness and excellency of thy holy Word. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour.

. . . .

O GOOD Shepherd, who camest to seek and to save that which was lost, be with me in this my work. Strengthen me in my weakness. Give me greater zeal for thy glory; greater love for the souls thou diedst to save. Let not my sins or infirmities hinder thy grace. Grant me faithfulness with tenderness, and boldness with meekness. Teach me, that I may teach. Comfort me, that I may comfort. Bless that which I shall speak in thy name. And have mercy both upon the Pastor and upon the flock: for thine own merits' sake.

LET me not seek out of thee what I can find only in thee, O Lord, peace and rest and joy and bliss which abide only in thine abiding joy. Lift up my soul above the weary round of harassing thoughts to thy eternal Presence. Lift up my soul to the pure, bright, serene, radiant atmosphere of thy Presence, that there I may breathe freely, there repose in thy love, there be at rest from myself and from all things that weary me; and thence return, arrayed with thy peace, to do and bear what shall please thee.

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O LORD and Sovereign of my life, take from me the spirit of idleness, despair, love of power, and unprofitable speaking.

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MOST gracious God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, who of thy wise providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we beseech thee, to thy servant, to whom the charge of this Congregation is now committed; and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

. . . .

GRANT to us, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we may so behave ourselves by thy grace as to be worthy of thee, and may afford to thy faithful people the example of a right conversation; and that the everlasting salvation of thy people may become the reward of the priest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

. . . .

O GOD, whose ways are all mercy and truth, carry on thy gracious work, and bestow, by thy benefits, what human frailty cannot attain; that we who attend upon the heavenly Mysteries

may be grounded in perfect faith, and shine forth conspicuous by the purity of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

. . . .

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Source and Perfection of all virtues; Grant us, we beseech thee, both to do what is right and to preach what is true; that both by action and teaching we may afford to thy faithful people the instruction which is of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, to us thy servants, such grace, that we may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee; and use the authority given us, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help: so that, as wise and faithful servants, giving to thy family their portion in due season, we may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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O GOD, the Holy Spirit, who hast called us to be prophets, and who shewest to them that love thee the things that were and the things that are and the things that shall be hereafter; Before we dare to speak of thee to others, reveal thyself to us. Breathe into our hearts the mysteries which no man can learn except by prayer. Take every faculty which thou hast given and make it servant to every truth which thou dost reveal. Give us thy message, save us from our own; then help us to utter, without fear and without favor, each word of thine. Give us grace so to preach that we may build, not destroy; guide, not bewilder. And add, O God, thy gift of sympathy, without which no man can be thy prophet. Give us power with souls. Help us to forget ourselves in remembering thee. O Spirit of Holiness, inflame our hearts and inspire our lips, for the sake of Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DEEPEN and quicken in us, O God, the sense of thy presence, and refresh us with thy power. Quiet our understandings and give ease to our hearts by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal; grant us dignity in our own eyes by taking us into thy service; humble us by laying bare before us our littleness and our sin, and then exalt us by revealing thyself to us as our Counsellor, our Father, and our Friend; and do thou make us springs of strength and joy to those whom thou hast sent us to serve. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY, eternal, just and merciful God, give to us wretches to do for thee what we know thee to will and to will always that which is pleasing to thee; so that inwardly purified, inwardly illumined and kindled by the flame of the Holy Ghost, we may be able to follow in the footsteps of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by thy grace alone come to thee, the Most High, who in perfect Trinity and simple Unity livest and reignest and gloriest God Almighty forever and ever. *Amen.*

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TEACH us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O GOD, our great Companion, lead us ever more deeply into the knowledge of thy life and ours, and make us interpreters of life to our fellows, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this Congregation with thy love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them

true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

. . . .

O GOD, the Sovereign Good of the soul, who requirest the hearts of all thy children; Deliver us from all sloth in thy work, all coldness in thy cause; and grant us by looking unto thee to rekindle our love, and by waiting upon thee to renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O LORD Jesus Christ, thou good Shepherd of the flock, mercifully hear our supplications, and grant unto this parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. Unite the hearts of pastor and people in love of thee, and in zeal for thy work. Endue the clergy with holiness and wisdom; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; convert the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy holy Church; to the honour and glory of thy Name, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Take from us all our lukewarmness and half-heartedness. Stir up within us more life and zeal and entire devotion to thee. Give us the spirit of prayer, without which we cannot serve thee truly. Make us forward and self-denying in good works. Make us to care for the eternal good of others, that we may, each according to his power and his calling, teach thy ways unto the wicked, and that sinners may be converted unto thee. Build us up more and more, O Lord, in faith and love and unity and holiness; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against thee, or neglect to serve thee, especially those in this parish; that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest longing for thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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LET thy Name, O Lord, rest upon thy congregation. We have brought to thy house our selfishness and vanity, our vulgar delight in our possession of the things which our neighbors do not possess, our debasing pride in the things that cause us to differ from our brethren, our hard-hearted indifference to others' needs and pains, our gilded hypocrisies, our smug self-satisfaction, our hideous formalism, our heathenish ingratitude to thee. Yet we are thy people. Thou hast redeemed us. Thou hast called us by thy Name. We are thine. O let thy Name rest upon us. Visit us with thy salvation. Melt our hearts with the divine heat and glow of thy Presence. And send us home forgetful of everything save thy goodness and the infinite debt we owe to our fellowmen; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PRESERVE us, O Heavenly Father, from the danger of the enemy, lest thy Word may be to our hurt, being heard and not done, known and not loved, received and not retained; but rather grant us to meditate upon thy Truth that our lives may be conformed to thy Will and perfected in thy fruition; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

. . . .

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, who came to seek and to save that which is lost; We remember before thee in our intercessions, those of thy children who have strayed from thy fold, and are now wandering in ways of unbelief or worldliness or sin. We beseech thee, that thy spirit may strive with them,

that thy love may constrain them, that thy grace may abound toward them; that so they may return to thee in penitence and new devotion, and to the fellowship of thy Church with fresh consecration of their lives to thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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LORD of all power and might, who rulest in heaven and in earth, and canst turn the hearts of men after the counsel of thine own will; We humbly pray thee to awaken in all the members of our Parish a deep desire to maintain and set forward the work of thy Kingdom throughout the world; that thy Holy Name may be glorified and that all men everywhere may come to know thee as their Father; through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

. . . .

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast promised thy presence and power to all who obey thy command to tell the nations of thy love; Bless, we pray thee, our effort to strengthen and extend the work of our Parish. To all who shall take any part in our plans give wisdom and zeal. Bind our people in a closer fellowship. If any have grown careless, help us to lead them back to thy house that their love for thee may be renewed. Teach us to pray, labour and give more faithfully for the extension of thy Kingdom among men. Of thy mercy we ask this, O Blessed Saviour of the world, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

. . . .

O GOD, our heavenly Father, graciously behold this Parish. Bind together its members with cords of friendliness and sympathy. Give us the vision of our common duty to Church and State and make us glad and strong in the doing of it. By all the memories of a great past, rouse us to hear the calls of the present. Grant wisdom, courage and patience to our leaders, and fill us all with the spirit of loving service; that whatsoever we do in word or deed may be done in the Name of the Lord Jesus, through whom we offer this our prayer. *Amen.*

OFFICES

FROM THE

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

¶ *The Minister of every parish shall often admonish the people that they defer not the baptism of their children, and that it is most convenient that Baptism should be administered upon Sundays and other Holy Days, Nevertheless (if necessity so require), Baptism may be administered upon any other day. And also he shall warn them that except for urgent cause they seek not to have their Children baptized in their houses.*

¶ *There shall be for every Male-child to be baptized, when they can be had, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers; and Parents shall be admitted as Sponsors, if it be desired.*

¶ *When there are children to be baptized, the Parents or Sponsors shall give knowledge thereof to the Minister. And then the Godfathers and Godmothers, and the People with the Children, must be ready at the Font, either immediately after the Second Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer, or at such other time as the Minister shall appoint.*

¶ *When any such Persons as are of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with Prayers and Fasting, for the receiving of this holy Sacrament.*

¶ *And* **Note,** *That at the time of the Baptism of an Adult, there shall be present with him at the Font at least two Witnesses.*

¶ *And the Minister having come to the Font, which is then to be filled with pure water, shall say as follows, the people all standing.*

HATH this Child, [*or* Person] been already baptized, or no?

¶ *If they answer,* No; *then shall the Minister proceed as followeth.*

DEARLY beloved, forasmuch as our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the Kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *this Child* [or *Person*] that which by nature *he* cannot have; that *he* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made *a* living *member* of the same.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Child* [or *this* thy *Servant*], that *he*, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Child* [or *this* thy *Servant*] may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say as followeth.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by *St. Mark*, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer

the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *Or this.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. John, in the third Chapter, at the first Verse.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

¶ *Or this.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by *St. Matthew*, in the twenty-eighth Chapter, at the eighteenth Verse.

JESUS came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

And now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *this Child* [or *Person*] declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed To call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Child* [or *this* thy *Servant*], That *he* may be born again, And be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, Now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *When the Office is used for Children, the Minister shall speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on this wise.*

DEARLY beloved, ye have brought *this Child* here to be baptized; ye have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from sin, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

Dost thou, therefore, in the name of *this Child*, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister. Having now, in the name of *this Child*, made these promises, will ye also on your part take heed that *he* learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

Minister. Will ye take heed that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* is sufficiently instructed?

Answer. I will, God being my helper.

¶ *When the Office is used for Adults, the Minister shall address them in this wise, the Persons to be baptized answering the Questions for themselves.*

WELL-beloved, ye have come hither desiring to receive Holy Baptism. We have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you, to release you from sin, to sanctify you with the Holy Ghost, to give you the Kingdom of Heaven and everlasting life.

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.

Minister. Dost thou believe in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Dost thou accept him and desire to follow him as thy Saviour and Lord?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

Minister. Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. That is my desire.

Minister. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. I will, by God's help.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

O MERCIFUL God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so *this Child* [or *this* thy *Servant*] may with him die to sin and rise to newness of life. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the for-

giveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go, teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *this Child* [or *this* thy *Servant*] now to be baptized therein may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Godfathers and Godmothers,*

Name this Child.

¶ *And then, naming the child after them, he shall dip* him *in the Water discreetly, or shall pour Water upon* him, *saying,*

N. I BAPTIZE thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *If the Person to be baptized is an Adult, the Minister shall take* him *by the hand, and shall ask the witnesses the Name and then shall dip* him *in the Water, or pour Water upon* him, *using the same form of words.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

WE receive *this Child* [or *this Person*] into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do * sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

** Here the Minister shall make a Cross upon the Child's [or Person's] forehead.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

SEEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child* [or *this Person*] is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *this Child* [or *this Person*] may lead the rest of *his* life according to his beginning.

¶ *Then shall be said,*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this Child* [or *this* thy *Servant*] with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child*, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech thee to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, may live unto righteousness, and, being buried with Christ in his death, may also be *partaker* of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall add,*

THE Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*

¶ *It is expedient that every Adult, thus baptized, should be confirmed by the Bishop, so soon after his Baptism as conveniently may be; that so he may be admitted to the Holy Communion.*

¶ *When necessity requires it, in consideration of extreme sickness, then the following form shall suffice.*

The Child [*or* Person] *being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall pour Water upon* him, *saying these words,*

N. I BAPTIZE thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After which shall be said the Lord's Prayer, *and the* Thanksgiving *from the Office beginning,* We yield thee hearty thanks, etc.

¶ *And* Note, *That in the case of an Adult, the Minister shall first ask the questions provided in this office for the baptism of Adults.*

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¶ *In cases of extreme sickness or any imminent peril, if a Minister cannot be procured, then any baptized person present may administer Holy Baptism, using the foregoing form. Such baptism should be promptly reported to the parish authorities.*

¶ *It is expedient that a Child or Person so baptized be afterward brought to the Church, at which time these parts of the foregoing service shall be used:*

The Gospel, the Questions (*omitting the question* "Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?" *and the answer thereto*), the Declaration, "We receive this Child [*or* Person]", *etc., and the remainder of the Office.*

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¶ *If there be reasonable doubt whether any person was baptized with Water,* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, (*which are essential parts of Baptism*), *such person may be baptized in the manner herein appointed, saving that, at the immersion or the pouring of water, the Minister shall use this form of words:*

If thou art not already baptized, *N.*, I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE FORM OF

SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY

¶ *At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church: which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ *And also speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

¶ *The Minister, if he shall have reason to doubt of the lawfulness of the proposed Marriage, may demand sufficient surety for his indemnification: but if no impediment shall be alleged, or suspected, the Minister shall say to the Man,*

M. WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Man shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,*

N. WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

¶ *The Woman shall answer,*

I will.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

WHO giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ *Then shall they give their troth to each other in this manner. The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as followeth.*

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister.*

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

¶ *Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give unto the Woman a Ring on this wise: the Minister taking the Ring shall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Minister, shall say,*

WITH this Ring I thee wed; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *And* Note, *That before delivering the Ring to the Man, the Minister may say as follows.*

*BLESS this Ring, O gracious Lord, and grant that these thy servants may faithfully keep their solemn pledge, and abound evermore in love and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then, the Man leaving the Ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the People, standing, say the* Lord's Prayer,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

** The Form now in the Prayer Book is as follows:*

BLESS, O Lord, this ring, that he who gives it and she who wears it may abide in thy peace, and continue in thy favour, unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister add,*

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister may add one or both of the following Prayers.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Creator of mankind, who only art the Well-spring of life; Bestow upon these thy servants, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in thy faith and fear, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast so consecrated the state of matrimony that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,*

THOSE whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

¶ *Then shall the Minister speak unto the company.*

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving a Ring, and by joining hands; I pronounce that they are Man and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *The Man and Wife kneeling, the Minister shall add this Blessing.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *The laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publishing the Banns in Churches, or by Licence, being different in the several States, every Minister is left to the direction of those laws, in every thing that regards the civil contract between the parties.*

¶ *And when the Banns are published, it shall be in the following form:* I publish the Banns of Marriage between *M.* of——, and *N.* of——. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first [second *or* third] time of asking.

THE ORDER FOR
THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.

¶ *The following Service, or any part thereof, may be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

¶ *When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish: who, coming into the sick person's presence, shall say,*

PEACE be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ *After which he shall say the Antiphon following, and, according to his discretion, one of the Penitential Psalms* (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143).

Antiphon: Remember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, save thy servant,

Answer. Who putteth *his* trust in thee.

Minister. Send *him* help from thy holy place;

Answer. And evermore mightily defend *him.*

Minister. Let the enemy have no advantage of *him,*

Answer. Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*

Minister. Be unto *him*, O Lord, a strong tower,

Answer. From the face of *his* enemy.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend *him* in all danger, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may the Minister say the Antiphon and Psalm following with the Collect, or such of the subsequent Psalms and Collects as he shall see fit.*

Antiphon: I did call upon the Lord with my voice; and he heard me out of his holy hill.

Psalm 3. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise against me.

Many one there be that say of my soul, There is no help for him in his God.

But thou, O Lord, art my defender; thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord; and thy blessing is upon thy people.

HEAR us, almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy loving mercy, and so restore *him* to *his* former health, that *he* may give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Antiphon: I will go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Psalm 43. *Judica me, Deus.*

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

SANCTIFY, we beseech thee, O Lord, the sickness of this thy servant; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; and grant that *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Antiphon: I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

Psalm 77. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I WILL cry unto God with my voice; even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: I stretched forth my hands unto him, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song, and in the night

I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever? and will he be no more entreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and will he shut up his loving kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

HEAR, O Lord, we beseech thee, these our prayers, as we call upon thee on behalf of this thy servant; and bestow upon *him* the help of thy merciful consolation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Antiphon: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me.

Psalm 138. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving kindness and truth; for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy Word above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; and enduedst my soul with much strength.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving kindness toward me; yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

O GOD, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers; Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to thy servant the help of thy power, that *his* sickness may be turned into health and our

sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Antiphon: The Lord saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

Psalm 103. *Benedic, anima mea.*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfill his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

ACCEPT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, the devout praise of thy humble servant, and grant *him* an abiding sense of thy loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Adding this.*

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

¶ *The following Psalms are suitable, and, at the discretion of the Minister may be substituted for any of those given above:* 20, 27, 42, 91, 121, 146.

¶ *As occasion demands, the Minister shall address the sick person on the meaning and use of the time of sickness, and the opportunity it affords for spiritual profit.*

¶ *Here may the Minister inquire of the sick person as to his acceptance of the Christian faith and as to whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive, from the bottom of his heart, all persons that have offended him, and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power.*

¶ *Then shall the sick person be moved to make a special confession of his sins, if he feel his conscience troubled with any matter; after which confession, on evidence of his repentance, the Minister shall assure him of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

Let us pray.

O MOST merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with thy blessed Spirit, and, when thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour; through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, Be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and

salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Here the Minister may use any part of the Service of this Book, which, in his discretion, he shall think convenient to the occasion; and after that shall say,*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Prayers *which may be said with the foregoing Service, or any part thereof, at the discretion of the Minister.*

A Prayer for Recovery.

O GOD of heavenly powers, who, by the might of thy command, drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and all infirmity; Be present in thy goodness with this thy servant, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength recalled; that *his* health being thereupon restored, *he* may bless thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Healing.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that turn to thee for succour; We entreat thy strength and goodness in behalf of this thy servant, that *he* may be healed of *his* infirmities, to thine honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a Recovery.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; We bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy Name that thou didst not for-

sake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and at last didst send him seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure; that, being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness, and to bless thy holy Name for all thy goodness towards *him;* through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a sick Person, when there appeareth but small hope of recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually, with thy grace and Holy Spirit, in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven; through the same thy Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Despondent.

COMFORT, we beseech thee, most gracious God, this thy servant, cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world; and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, *he* may be enabled to go upon *his* way rejoicing, and give thee continual thanks for thy sustaining providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer which may be said by the Minister in behalf of all present at the Visitation.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit

lead us in holiness and righteousness, all our days: that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Commendatory Prayer for a sick Person at the point of departure.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted, through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

A Litany for the Dying.

O GOD the Father;
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.
O God the Son;
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.
O God the Holy Ghost;
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.
O Holy Trinity, One God;
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.
From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation;
Good Lord, deliver him.
By thy holy Incarnation, by thy Cross and Passion, by thy precious Death and Burial;
Good Lord, deliver him.
By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;
Good Lord, deliver him.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; That it may please thee to deliver the soul of thy servant from the power of the evil one, and from eternal death;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee mercifully to pardon all *his* sins.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant *him* a place of refreshment and everlasting blessedness;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give *him* joy and gladness in thy kingdom, with thy saints in light;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon him.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon him.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant him *thy peace.*

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

O SOVEREIGN Lord, who desirest not the death of a sinner; We beseech thee to loose the spirit of this thy servant from every bond, and set *him* free from all evil, that *he* may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

An Absolution, to be said by the Priest.

THE Almighty and Merciful Lord grant thee pardon and remission of all thy sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

A Commendation.

DEPART, O Christian soul, out of this world, in the Name of God the Father Almighty who created thee, in the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed thee, in the Name of the Holy Ghost who sanctifieth thee. May thy rest be this day in peace, and thy dwelling-place in the Paradise of God.

A Commendatory Prayer when the Soul is Departed.

INTO thy hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend the soul of thy servant, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

¶ *When any sick person shall, in humble faith, desire the ministry of healing through anointing or laying on of hands, the Minister may use such portion of the foregoing office as he shall think fit, and the following form:*

O BLESSED Redeemer, relieve, we beseech thee, by thy indwelling power, the distress of this thy servant; release *him* from sin, and drive away all pain of soul and body; that being restored to soundness of health, *he* may offer thee praise and thanksgiving; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

I ANOINT thee with oil [lay my hand upon thee] in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; beseeching the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that, all thy pain and sickness of body being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored to thee. Amen.

¶ *The Minister is ordered, from time to time, to advise the People, whilst they are in health, to make wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.*

Note.— *For other prayers see pages 177-187.*

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THE COMMUNION OF THE SICK.

¶ *Forasmuch as all mortal men are subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life; therefore, to the intent they may be always in readiness to die, whensoever it shall please Almighty God to call them, the Ministers shall diligently from time to time (but especially in the time of pestilence, or other infectious sickness) exhort their parishioners to the often receiving of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publicly administered in the Church; that so doing, they may, in case of sudden visitation, have the less cause to be disquieted for lack of the same. But if the sick person be not able to come to the Church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house; then he must give timely notice to the Minister, signifying also how many there are to communicate with him: and all things necessary being prepared, the Minister shall there celebrate the Holy Communion, beginning with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, here following.*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; We beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, if it be thy gracious will; and that, whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Heb. xii. 5.

MY son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

The Gospel. St. John v. 24.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

¶ *Or the following Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used.*

The Collect.

O LORD, Holy Father, by whose loving kindness our souls and bodies are renewed; Mercifully look upon this thy servant, that, every cause of sickness being removed, *he* may be restored to soundness of health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 St. John v. 13.

THESE things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The Gospel. St. John vi. 47.

JESUS said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

¶ *After which the Minister shall proceed according to the form before prescribed for the Holy Communion, beginning at these words,* Ye who do truly, *etc.*

¶ *At the time of the distribution of the holy Sacrament, the Minister shall first receive the Communion himself, and after minister unto those who are appointed to communicate with the sick, and last of all to the sick person.*

THE SHORTER ORDER
FOR
HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *When circumstances render it expedient to shorten the service, the following form shall suffice: The Confession and the Absolution;* Lift up your hearts, *etc., through the* Sanctus; *The Prayer of Consecration, ending with these words,* partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; *The Prayer of Humble Access: The Communion; The Lord's Prayer; The Blessing. And* Note, *That for the Confession and Absolution the following may be used.*

The Confession.

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth, We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodness; According to the multitude of thy mercies, do away our offences and cleanse us from our sins; For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Absolution.

THE ALMIGHTY and merciful Lord, grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *After which the Priest shall proceed, saying,*

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *Then shall the Priest turn to the Holy Table, and say,*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

¶ *Priest and people.*

¶ *Here may be said.*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, (*a*) he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, (*b*) he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, (*c*) this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, (*d*) he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for (*e*) this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

(*a*) *Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands.*
(*b*) *And here to break the Bread.*
(*c*) *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*
(*d*) *Here he is to take the Cup into his hands.*
(*e*) *And here he is to lay his hand upon every Vessel in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.*

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now

The Oblation.

offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say, in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following.*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

¶ *And when he delivereth the Bread he shall say,*

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶ *And when he delivereth the Cup he shall say,*

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

¶ *When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Lord's Prayer, *the People repeating after him every Petition.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing.

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.*

¶ *This Office may be used with aged and bed-ridden persons, or such as are not able to attend the public Ministration in Church, substituting the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Day, for those appointed above.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Body, and going before it, either into the Church or towards the Grave, shall say or sing,*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I KNOW that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

¶ *After they are come into the Church, shall be said one or more of the following Selections, taken from the Psalms. The* Gloria Patri *may be omitted except at the end of the whole Portion or Selection from the Psalter.*

Psalm 39. *Dixi, Custodiam.*

LORD, let me know mine end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences; and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears;

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Psalm 90. *Domine, refugium.*

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past; and as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

O teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm 27. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Psalm 46. *Deus noster refugium.*

GOD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

¶ *Then shall follow the* Lesson, *taken out of the fifteenth Chapter of the first Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.*

1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in

power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ *Or this.*

Rom. viii. 14.

AS many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if chil-

dren, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Or this.

St. John xiv. 1.

JESUS said, Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn or Anthem; and at the discretion of the Minister, the* Creed, *the* Lord's Prayer, *the* Prayer *which follows, and such other fitting Prayers as are elsewhere provided in this Book, ending with the* Blessing.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

REMEMBER thy servant, O Lord, according to the favour which thou bearest unto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, *he* may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall add this* Blessing.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *When they come to the Grave, while the Body is made ready to be laid into the earth, shall be sung or said,*

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

¶ *Or this.*

ALL that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead, will also quicken your mortal bodies by the Spirit which dwelleth in you.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

¶ *Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Minister shall say,*

UNTO Almighty God we commend the soul of our *brother* departed, and we commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung,*

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. *Rev.* xiv. 13.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say one or more of the following Prayers, at his discretion.*

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept our prayers on behalf of the soul of thy servant departed, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying,

Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Additional Prayers.

O ALMIGHTY God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself the soul of this thy servant [*or* this child]; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed saints in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their stedfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *It is to be noted that this Office is appropriate to be used only for the faithful departed in Christ.* Provided, *that in any other case, the Minister may, at his discretion, use such part of this Office, or such devotions taken from other parts of this book, as may be fitting.*

¶ *Inasmuch as it may sometimes be expedient to say under shelter of the Church the whole or a part of the Service appointed to be said at the Grave, the same is hereby allowed for weighty cause.*

At the Burial of the Dead at Sea.

¶ *The same office may be used; but instead of the Sentence of Committal, the Minister shall say,*

UNTO Almighty God we commend the soul of our *brother* departed, and we commit *his* body to the deep; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the sea shall give up her dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his glorious body; according to the mighty workings whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Note. — *For other prayers see pages 188-194.*

THE ORDER FOR

THE BURIAL OF A CHILD.

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Body, and going before it either into the Church or towards the Grave, shall say,*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

JESUS called them unto him and said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

HE SHALL feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom.

¶ *When they are come into the Church, shall be said the following* Psalms; *and at the end of each Psalm shall be said the* Gloria Patri.

Psalm 23. *Dominus regit me.*

THE Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

¶ *Then shall follow the* Lesson *from St. Matt.* xviii.

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem; then the Minister may say the following Prayers or such other fitting Prayers as are elsewhere provided in this book, first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said by the Minister and People,*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. Blessed are the pure in heart;
Answer. For they shall see God.
Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Answer. Henceforth, world without end.
Minister. Lord, hear our prayer;
Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

O MERCIFUL Father, whose face the angels of thy little ones do always behold in heaven; Grant us stedfastly to believe that this thy child hath been taken into the safe keeping of thine eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, who dost grant to children an abundant entrance into thy kingdom; Grant us grace so to conform our lives to their innocency and perfect faith, that at length, united with them, we may stand in thy presence in fulness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *When they are come to the grave shall be said or sung,*

JESUS said to his disciples, Ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

¶ *While the earth shall be cast upon the body, the Minister shall say,*

IN sure and certain hope of the resurrection of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit the body of this child to the ground: The

Lord bless *him* and keep *him*. The Lord make his face to shine upon *him* and be gracious unto *him*. The Lord lift up his countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; both now and evermore.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung,*

THEREFORE are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more: neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose most dear Son did take little children into his arms and bless them; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to entrust the soul of this child to thy never-failing care and love, and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort, deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that, casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless you and keep you, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Inasmuch as it may sometimes be expedient to say under shelter of the Church the whole of the service appointed to be said at the Grave, the same is hereby allowed, for weighty cause.*

Note. — *For other prayers see pages 188–194.*

PRAYERS.

THE COLLECTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR.

The First Sunday in Advent.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday in Advent.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday in Advent.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday in Advent.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and

mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or,

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr.

GRANT, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being illumined by the doctrine of thy blessed

Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Innocents.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Sunday after Christmas Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Circumcision of Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epiphany,
or
The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Sunday called Septuagesima,
or the Third Sunday before Lent.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Sunday called Sexagesima,
or the Second Sunday before Lent.

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Sunday called Quinquagesima,
or the next Sunday before Lent.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most

excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The First day of Lent, commonly called Ash Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Sunday in Lent.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday in Lent.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday in Lent.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday in Lent.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent,
commonly called
Passion Sunday.

WE BESEECH thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday next before Easter,
commonly called
Palm Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Monday before Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Tuesday before Easter.

O LORD God, whose blessed Son, our Saviour, gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame; Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance

of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Wednesday before Easter.

ASSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts whereby thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thursday before Easter, commonly called Maundy Thursday.

ALMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive it in remembrance of him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Good Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the

Gospel of thy Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Easter Even.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or,

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Monday in Easter Week.

O GOD, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread; Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold thee in all thy works; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Tuesday in Easter Week.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday after Easter.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday after Easter.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Rogation Days.

ALMIGHTY God, Lord of heaven and earth; We beseech thee to pour forth thy blessing upon this land and to give us a fruitful season; that we, constantly receiving thy bounty, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ascension Day.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Sunday after Ascension Day.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Pentecost,
commonly called
Whitsunday.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore

to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or,

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, grant, we beseech thee, that, by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, we may be enlightened and strengthened for thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Monday in Whitsun Week.

SEND, we beseech thee, Almighty God, thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may direct and rule us according to thy will, comfort us in all our afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Tuesday in Whitsun Week.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Trinity Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running

the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy

succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Sunday next before Advent.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

St. Andrew the Apostle.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfill thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Thomas the Apostle.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who, for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

The Conversion of St. Paul.

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called
The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

St. Matthias the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; Grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

St. Mark the Evangelist.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being

not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Barnabas the Apostle.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint John Baptist.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour by preaching repentance; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Peter the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint James the Apostle.

GRANT, O merciful God, that, as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Transfiguration of Christ.

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistering; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saint Michael and all Angels.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy

Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Luke the Evangelist.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire thy servant, Saint Luke the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son; Manifest in thy Church the same power and love, to the healing of our bodies and our souls; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All Saints' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Saint's Day.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of the saints; Grant to us thy humble servants the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this,

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us to faith in thee and hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses; Grant that we, en-

couraged by the good examples of thy saints, and especially of thy servant [————], Saint, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through thy mercy, we, with them, attain to thy eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Feast of the Dedication of a Church.

O GOD, whom year by year we praise for the dedication of this church; Hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy people, and grant that whosoever shall worship before thee in this place, may obtain thy merciful aid and protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Ember Days.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation; We humbly beseech thee by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit to put it into the hearts of many to offer themselves for this ministry, that thereby mankind may be drawn to thy blessed kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Independence Day.

O ETERNAL God, through whose mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old; Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Day.

O MOST merciful Father, who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; We give thee humble and hearty thanks for this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Solemnization of Matrimony.

O ETERNAL God, we humbly beseech thee favourably to behold these thy servants now [*about to be*] joined in wedlock according to thy holy ordinance; and grant that they, seeking first thy kingdom and righteousness, may obtain the manifold blessings of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Burial of the Dead.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept our prayers on behalf of the soul of thy servant departed, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OTHER COLLECTS FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to thee *in this place*, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as for the soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. All which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto us forgiveness of all our sins; Strengthen us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BENEDICTIONS.

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, ye may be filled with all the fullness of God. *Amen.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that in this life, and in the world to come, ye may be partakers of eternal life. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

NOW the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

GOD, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, comfort you in all your tribulations, that you may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith you yourselves are comforted of God. *Amen.*

GRACE, mercy and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon you and abide with you for ever. *Amen.*

THE God of peace sanctify you wholly, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

NOW God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, make you to increase and abound in love one toward another and towards all men, to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before him. *Amen.*

THE Everlasting Father bless us with his blessing everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

FOR THE CHILDREN AND FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we are very weak and sinful. Make us sorry for all the wrong things that we have done, and help us to grow better every day. Keep us from all meanness and selfishness, and from hurting others by word or deed. Help us gladly to obey our parents and teachers, make us ready to give up our own way, and teach us to be patient and kind and loving to all about us. Make us painstaking and cheerful in doing every little duty. Help us to be more reverent and attentive in Church and Church School. May we be always pure and truthful in thought and word, and learn day by day to know thee better and to love thee more.

Bless our Church and our School, and all who belong to them, and bring us all into thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus, Lord of love and grace, who hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; Embrace, we beseech thee, these children, in thine arms of mercy, and bless them. Enable them daily to grow in stature, after the pattern which thou hast shown, to grow also in wisdom and in favour with God and man. May they learn to serve thee of very love, hating the sin which thou hatest, and loving the things which thou commandest; and so make them, blessed Lord, the members of thy flock, that they may ever know and follow the voice of the true Shepherd of their souls, and remain in the number of thy faithful children; who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS Saviour, who lovedst little children, and didst take them into thy holy arms and bless them; Bless now, we pray thee, the

children of this school. May they grow up in thy fear and love. May they live ever as members of Christ, children of God, and heirs of heaven. May they give their hearts to thee, and remember their Creator in the days of their youth; that so they may be thine forever, and at length enter the heavenly inheritance which thou hast purchased for them; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God evermore. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast promised that they who early seek thy heavenly wisdom shall early find it, and find it more precious than all the treasures of this world; Send down on these thy children the grace and blessing of thy Holy Spirit; that they, being trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, may choose and love thy way, and depart from it no more forever; and that when thou makest up thy jewels in thy glorious kingdom, these children may be there and may be thine; all which we ask for the sake of thy Holy Child Jesus, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, be pleased, we humbly beseech thee, to move the hearts of many of thy children to seek the work of ministering to thee in holy things. We pray that some may be found among our own number eager to carry the blessed tidings of thy love to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Clothe thou them now in the days of their youth with thy whole armour. Make them children of the light and of the day. And, when the time shall come for them to go forth bearing the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, do thou go with them, Heavenly Father, that they may fight the good fight, and be proved the faithful of thy Christ. We ask it in his name and for his sake. *Amen.*

CONFIRM, O Lord, we pray thee, the hearts of thy children, and strengthen them with the power of thy grace; that they may both be devout in prayer to thee, and sincere in love for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto thy divine majesty; We make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy children. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who dost embrace children with the arms of thy mercy, and dost make them living members of thy Church; Give them grace, we pray thee, to stand fast in thy faith, to obey thy word, and to abide in thy love; that, being made strong by thy Holy Spirit, they may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with thee in the life that is to come; through thy merits, O merciful Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are well pleasing in thy sight; Stir up, we beseech thee, the pure mind of the children of thy Church. Bless all means employed for the instruction of the young; implant in their hearts such gratitude for thy Gospel as will make them eager sharers in bringing others to the knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ; so that many may be brought out of darkness and error into the glorious liberty of the children of God; to the praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, on this thine own holy day of rest we come to thee to to seek a blessing. We are weak but thou art almighty; we are ignorant, but thou canst teach us

all things; we are sinful, but thou hast promised to forgive us for thy dear Son's sake. We come in loving confidence and humble trust, knowing that thou art gentle and pitiful, full of tenderness and compassion, and ever ready to do for all thy children more than they can ask or think. Guide us this day unto a better knowledge of thy will. May we all be taught of thee, and gladly listen to thy voice, speaking to us through him who is our teacher and Master, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HEAVENLY Father, make us, we pray thee, such children as Jesus was, quick to obey, glad to be taught, and never afraid to speak the truth. May we hurt nobody by word or deed, but all day long be good to others, as thou, dear Lord, hast been most kind to us. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who didst reveal thyself to thy prophet Samuel while he was yet a child; Grant unto us, thy children, the knowledge of thy will, that we may ever walk in thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst sit lowly in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions; Grant unto us, thy servants, both aptness to teach and willingness to learn thy blessed will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD our Father, who didst send thy Son to save the whole world; We pray thee to bless all who work for thee at home and in distant lands. Make us glad to help in thy work; so that all thy children everywhere may learn to know thy love and to share with us the joy that comes through our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD our heavenly Father, we pray thee for the single eye to see what is our duty, and the quiet mind that is steadfastly purposed to do it. Grant

that we may devote our whole strength to doing the right. Save us from all pretense of goodness and from trying to appear better than we really are; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Neglected Children.

REGARD, O Lord God, with thy mercy, all destitute and neglected children, who live in homes of vice where thy Word is never read, and the voice of prayer is never heard. Raise up friends, we pray thee, who will seek them out, and bring them within the blessed influences and holy instruction of thy Church, that they may know thee, and walk in the way of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Boy's Prayer.

O GOD, give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts. Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong; Save me from habits that harm; Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in thy sight alone, As if all the world saw; Forgive me when I am unkind, And help me to forgive those who are unkind to me; Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself; Send me chances to do a little good every day, And so grow more like Christ. *Amen.*

For Christmas Day.

O GOD of heavenly glory and Source of earthly peace and good will; May our Christmas be merry, because it is touched with joy divine; through him who in his purity and love is born in our hearts today, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Easter Day.

O GOD, our Father in Heaven, we consecrate ourselves anew to thee, this Easter Day. Grant us loyalty to thy Church, and gladness in thy service. Fill us with the spirit of reverence and humility, that we are permitted to sing thy praises. Keep us in the solemn and blessed remembrance that we are thy children and in thy presence; and make us faith-

ful in our duty, and worthier of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a National Festival.

OUR Father in heaven, make us true lovers of our Fatherland. Help us to keep the promise our country has made to the world. America has promised to be the home of freedom and brotherhood and justice for all. Enable us in our lives to keep this promise. In our happiness and in our strength put us in mind of the pleasures and the rights of others. Make us brave and truthful and fair. In our play and in our work keep our successes free from boasting and conceit. And when we fail and are defeated, give us a higher courage and a stauncher strength. Help us to become noble and great-hearted citizens, an honour to our Nation, and a spring of hope to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful God, who art the fountain of all grace, grant, we beseech thee, to the teachers in this school thy gifts of wisdom, gentleness, and patience. May they find their work a joy, and count all labor light that is undertaken out of love towards thee. Guard them from the temptation to a careless and half-hearted service. May a consciousness of the solemn responsibility which is theirs be always present with them. Bless their every word to the good of the pupils committed to their care; and may thy Holy Spirit so enforce the teaching given by them that, at the last, the reward which thou hast promised those who turn

many to righteousness may be theirs. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

ETERNAL Spirit of Wisdom, God of our Fathers and of us; Keep us in our study of thy Word, fearless and humble-minded, that facing thy truth always and everywhere with the courage of an open mind, we may help to lead others to the joy of a confident faith and to the comfort of a reasonable hope; in imitation of thy Christ and for his sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our Father and Teacher, who speakest in a thousand voices to the minds and hearts of men; Grant to us that we may be taught of thee. Teach us to be truly humble in our search for thy truth. Give us a single-hearted purpose to make the children whom we are called to teach from thy Holy Word completely thy children in purity and good works. Grant us understanding hearts to read their characters and needs, and to lead them with wisdom and gentleness into the paths of righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the source of light and life, guide and illumine the Young People of thy Church that through the knowledge of thy truth and obedience to thy will, they may serve thee better and more perfectly know thee; through thy Son, our Lord and Teacher, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast sent thy beloved Son to be unto us the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Grant that we, looking unto him, may set forward the teaching power of thy Church to the nurture of thy children, the increase of thy kingdom, and the glory of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MASTER of Life, lead us, through patient study and unwearying prayer, into the deeper knowledge of ourselves and thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose Word lighteneth the eyes of the blind; Vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the light of thy truth; that fashioning our lives with all meekness to the obedience of heavenly wisdom, we may by humility in things temporal attain to the glory of the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD and Saviour Christ, who camest not to strive nor cry, but to let thy words fall as the drops that water the earth; Grant to all who contend for the faith once delivered, never to injure it by clamor or impatience; but speaking thy precious truth in love, so to present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it thy goodness and thy beauty; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst send from the Father the Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth; Grant that he may enlighten our minds with the teaching of thy truth, and sanctify our hearts with the power of thy grace, so that evermore abiding in thee we may be found stedfast in faith and holy in life, being conformed unto thine image; who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, the light and life of all believers; Grant that they whom the Holy Ghost hath made thy children by adoption and grace, loving thee without lukewarmness, and confessing thy faith without dissension, may obtain that peace which our Lord Jesus Christ promised to all those who truly follow him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR BIBLE CLASSES.

O GOD, who hast given us thy Word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path; Grant unto us to hear that Word and believe it, and to follow thee patiently in humble faith, till we see thee as thou art; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who art the truth incarnate and the teacher of the faithful; Let thy spirit overshadow us in reading thy word, and conform our thoughts to thy revelation, that learning of thee with honest hearts, we may be rooted and built up in thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast given unto us thy holy Word, bestow upon us the gift of faith, that we may hold fast the truth in our strife with sin, and may be saved by him whom that Word makes known, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast called us to be children of the resurrection, and hast made us citizens of the Jerusalem which is above; Grant that whensoever in the dimness of this life present our eyes are holden that we see thee not, our hearts may alway be attentive to thy holy Word, and burn within us, as it is opened by thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS God and most merciful Father, who hast vouchsafed us the rich and precious jewel of thy holy Word; Assist us with thy Spirit, that it may be written in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us according to thine own image, to build us up, and edify us into the perfect building of thy Christ, sanctifying and increasing in us all heavenly virtues. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL and most merciful God, whose Word is the light unto our steps and the lantern unto our feet; we most humbly beseech thee to illuminate our minds, that we may understand the mysteries contained in thy holy law; and into the selfsame thing that we godly understand, we may be virtuously transformed, so that of no part we offend thy high majesty; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who makest the blind to see and the lame to walk, and openest the prison to them that are bound; Let thy Word come to us, we beseech thee, with power to deliver us from evil habits, from prejudice, from the fear of man and from every bondage in which we are entangled; that so we may walk at liberty in the ways of thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HOLY and Eternal Jesus, who hast begotten us by thy Word, renewed us by thy Spirit, fed us by thy Sacraments and by the daily ministry of thy Word; Still go on to build us up to life eternal. Let thy most Holy Spirit be present with us and rest upon us in the reading and studying of thy sacred Word, that we may do it humbly, reverently, without prejudice, with minds ready and desirous to learn and to obey; that we may be readily furnished to every good work, and may practice all thy holy laws and commandments, to the glory of thy Name; whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, we worship now and ever. *Amen.*

SHOW the light of thy countenance upon us, O Lord, that the going forth of thy Word may give light and understanding, to nourish the hearts of the simple; and that while our desire is set on thy commandments, we may receive with open heart the spirit of wisdom and understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast sent this Book to be the revelation of thy great love to man, and of thy power and will to save him; Grant that our study of it may not be made vain by the callousness or carelessness of our hearts, but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service and above all, filled with the true knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR PERSONS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who shall renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, and be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, Giver of heavenly increase, who by thy Spirit's might dost confirm the first efforts of our souls; Encourage in the hearts of these thy children every good intent, and carry them from strength to strength. Cleanse their consciences, and stir their wills gladly to serve thee, the living God. Leave no room in them for spiritual wickedness, no lurking-place for secret sins; but so establish and sanctify them by the power of thy holy Word, that evermore taking heed unto the thing that is right, and speaking and doing the truth, they may find godliness their gain both in the life which now is, and in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd of the sheep; Look mercifully upon these thy children, and fit them for Confirmation and Holy Communion. Give them unfeigned repentance, and stedfast faith in thee; create and make in them new and contrite hearts; give them power and strength to have victory and to triumph against sin, the world, and the devil. Cleanse their souls that thy Holy Spirit may dwell in them; and receive them, we beseech thee, to thy blessed Presence in the Holy Communion, that knowing thee by faith, they may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, who through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter; Make ready, we beseech thee, the hearts and minds of thy servants who at

this time are seeking to be strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands; that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may evermore be filled with the power of his divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, look down in mercy upon thy servants who are now preparing to dedicate themselves to thee in Confirmation. Give them an earnest and true desire to yield themselves to thy service, to live as thy true children, and to take up their cross to follow Christ. Defend them from the distractions and temptations of the world; keep them in safety under the shadow of thy wings; give them a happy sense of thy love towards them, and of thy presence with them; and draw them ever nearer to thyself. And so fit and prepare them, O Lord, for this holy ordinance, that they may receive the fulness of thy blessing in the laying on of hands; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Nearness to Christ.

MERCIFUL Jesus, who wast lifted up upon the Cross that thou mightest draw all men unto thee; Have mercy upon thy sinful servants and draw them closer to thyself through the power of thy blessed Cross. O dear Redeemer, we are still too far from thee. We ask thee with all our hearts to draw us nearer. We would be drawn nearer to thee in faith, learning to know better the precious teaching of the Cross. We would be drawn nearer to thee in love, loving thee better for thine infinite love to us. We would be drawn nearer to thee in likeness, copying the pattern of thy perfect meekness and patience. Draw us, O merciful Saviour, lifted up from the earth upon the Cross, — draw us with the strong cords of thy love; embrace us with the outstretched arms of thy compassion; and through all trials and temptations, in all times of weakness and of danger, keep us close to thee, and suffer us not to go from thee; for thine infinite mercies' sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

IN PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION.

GRANT, O Father, that, when we receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, coming to those holy mysteries in faith, and love, and true repentance, we may receive remission of our sins, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, in whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and who chargest even thine Angels with folly; Mercifully enlighten our souls that we may see our weakness and sin, and with all lowliness of heart turn unto thee, the only Giver of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son did institute and ordain holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death; Mercifully grant that we and all who shall this day come to thy holy Table, may be filled with a deep sense of the exceeding holiness of that blessed mystery, and, drawing near with true penitent hearts, and lively faith, in love and charity with all men, may worthily receive that holy Sacrament, and obtain the fulness of thy grace, to our present comfort and our everlasting salvation; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son did in the Garden of Gethsemane accept the cup thou gavest him to drink, that so he might taste death for every man; Mercifully grant that we to whom he ministers the cup of blessing may thankfully receive it in remembrance of him, and show our Lord's death till he come; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, infinite in mercy, and whose goodness is everlasting; Hear our prayer, and turn us away from all that can separate us from thee, and make us to love that which tends to draw us

unto thee. So rule our hearts that we may seek and long for and possess thee only. Be it our pain to lose thee, and our only gain to love thee more and more. Raise our desires and hopes, our whole powers and life, unto thy holy and loving service. Bestow upon us that which thou seest us to need, and fit us to receive the good which thou desirest to give, O thou who alone art our Life, our Light and our Salvation. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Son of God, that as thou and the Father are one, so we thy people may be bound together in thee. Unite in mutual forbearance, loyalty, and brotherly kindness, us thy brethren who are fellow-guests at this thy table, that we, being moved by the common impulse of thine eternal purpose, may promote the peace of thy Kingdom in the daily interminglings of our common life; whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost we worship and glorify as God forever and ever. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, we have loved thee, but not enough, we have sought thee, but not diligently, we have seen but not perceived, we have heard but not understood, we have hoped for things heavenly but clung to things of earth, and our hearts have been far from thee, the Holy One. Draw them now in mercy unto thyself, O God, that the time to come be not as the past, but that finding, perceiving, understanding and loving thee, we may have rest and joy undisturbed forevermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL Lord God, who hast vouchsafed to feed us with that Bread which came down from heaven, and giveth life unto the soul; So strengthen and sustain us, we beseech thee, with thy most gracious gifts, that we may resist all temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and walking in the way of thy commandments, may glorify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MASTER of the hearts of men, make us to be ill content with any peace save that of our Saviour, who won his peace, after he had made the

world's ills his own. Hold us back when, in our vulgar pride, we would go apart from the path and life of the lowly. As our Saviour made the carpenter's shop his school, and from it passed to the perfection of Calvary, so may we keep ourselves close to the lives of the great body of men, and pass through things common into the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given to thy people the true Bread who cometh down from heaven, even thy Son Jesus Christ; Grant that our souls may be so fed by him who giveth health unto the world, that we may abide in him and he in us, and thy Church be filled with the power of his deathless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INCLINE thy merciful ear, O Lord, to our prayers and enlighten our hearts by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthily approach these sacred mysteries, and love thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, the help of thy grace, that at this holy Sacrament we may bring all our thoughts and desires into subjection to thy blessed will, and may offer our souls and bodies a living sacrifice unto thee, in union with the perfect sacrifice of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy Cross and Passion; Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

After Communion.

GRANT, O Lord, that the ears which have heard the voice of thy songs may be closed to the voice of clamour and dispute; that the eyes which have seen thy great love may also behold thy blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung thy praise

may speak the truth; that the feet which have walked thy courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have partaken of thy living Body may be restored in newness of life. Glory be to thee for thine unspeakable gift. *Amen.*

REMEMBER, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve, and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH WORKERS

For any Guild.

O GOD, who knowest that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but that all our sufficiency is of thee; Assist us with thy grace in all our work for others, direct us in it by thy wisdom, support us by thy power, that doing our duty diligently we may bring it to a good end, so that it may be profitable to our own souls and tend to the greater glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all whom thou dost choose to work for thee, may labour in union with thy holy purposes, and in living unity with thy dear Son, Jesus Christ; that by the power of thy Holy Spirit they may accomplish far more than they ever know and work not for results, but for the single love of thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, we humbly pray thee to vouchsafe thy blessing to this Brotherhood, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honour due to thy dear Son, the spread of his Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold. Give us grace to fulfil in our lives what

we profess with our lips; deliver us, O God, from false doctrine and slackness of living; and grant that persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Moral Courage.

HEAVENLY Father, thou knowest the weakness and cowardliness of my heart. Thou knowest how much I care for the opinion of men. Help me, I beseech thee to care more for what will please thee. Make me strong and courageous that I may never be afraid to do my duty. Give me grace and courage to speak when and as I should. Let me never shrink from my duty through the fear of man. Let the love of Jesus fill my heart, that in his strength I may be strong. Give me the constant guidance and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. I ask all in the name and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Girls' Friendly Society.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to bless us and all who belong to The Girls' Friendly Society: Strengthen and protect us by thy fatherly love and vouchsafe to us the guidance of thy Holy Spirit.

Help us all to bear one another's burdens and to live, not for ourselves, but for others, as members of one family in Christ. Cleanse us from our sins, make us holy by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, and bring us all at last to the joy of thy Heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Woman's Auxiliary.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, bless, we pray thee, our work for the extension of thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the gift to us of thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labour diligently and give liberally to make him known to all nations as their Saviour and their King, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Daughters of the King.

O ETERNAL Father, who hast sent us thy Son to teach us things pertaining to thy heavenly Kingdom; give thy blessing, I beseech thee, to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world; vouchsafe that I, thy daughter, ever may discern thy sacred truth, and bear, with sturdy mind, the cross, thy kingly emblem, through the battles of my earthly life; give me strength to overcome, and grace that I may strive to spread thy kingdom and to gather thy dispersed sheep within thy fold; pour out upon me the seven-fold gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that I may never forget that it is thy work which I am called upon to do, that I may think nothing, do nothing and say nothing which may injure myself, my neighbour, or thy holy work, and that amid all temptations I may be ready always to forget self in obeying thy most blessed will, until finally, upon me, faithful unto death, thou shalt bestow thy crown of everlasting life. I ask it all for his sake, for whom I work, who died for me, who lives for me and intercedes, my Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst thy holy Apostle Barnabas to follow the steps of thy blessed Son in ministering to the sick and suffering; Grant to us the same spirit of consolation, that by gentleness and patience, we may serve thy afflicted children. Support us in our work; endue us with wisdom and skill; give us sympathy for one another; deliver us in temptation, and at last bring us to thy rest and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Church Periodical Club.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who art the Light of the World, Pour out, we beseech thee, upon all thy servants thy Holy Spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may know the hope of thy calling, the riches of thine inheritance in the saints, and the greatness of thy power to usward who believe. More especially we pray thee to direct and prosper

the Church Periodical Club, that in all its prayer and labour it may be enabled to make the light of thy glory shine forth in the dark places of the earth. And do thou of thy mercy and grace establish thy Church in the truth of thy Gospel who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Church Mission of Help.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Redeemer of our race; Grant unto us, men and women, so to understand our relations to one another and to thee, that we may abide in Christian purity of heart and life, and may also rightly instruct thy little ones, and lead them to seek and to find thee, that by thy grace they may resist the corruption that is in the world, and attain at last to thy glorious kingdom of light and love, who with the Father and Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Altar Guild.

O LORD, Jesus Christ, who dost condescend to make our churches thy Dwelling Place, and our altars the Throne of thy Sacred Presence, in the Blessed Sacrament of thy love; Accept, we pray thee, our services, and grant us such reverence of mind and purity of heart in adorning and making ready thy Sanctuary, that we may truly please thee, and by thy mercy may finally enter into the Heavenly Temple, not made with hands which needs no adorning; where thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever reignest, One God, blessed forever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Galahad Boys.

O GOD, the God of Boyhood and the Father of us all, let thy favour rest upon the youth of our Church and Nation, especially upon the youth wearing the red and white of Galahad. Make their religion real, their morals clean, their bodies strong, and their minds keen, and in due time lead them forward into the ranks of Christian manhood, strong, steady, and undefiled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fleur de Lis Prayer.

O GOD, who hast called woman to a high place of honour and power in thy Kingdom; Look with favour, we pray thee, upon thy handmaidens of the Fleur de Lis. Strengthen us to hold fast to the vow of a stainless life. Make our loyalty to the Church generous and strong. And daily cause us to see that by serving others we serve thee. Hear our prayer, we beseech thee, through him who is our Hero, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Mothers' Meetings.

O MOST blessed Lord and Saviour, who hast sanctified the name of mother by deigning to be born of human flesh; Grant unto us, and to all the members of this Society, thy life, that we may truly live. May we take into our homes thy love, and with earnestness of purpose guard and sanctify all that is good and beautiful in them. Give us faithful hearts, a deep sense of our responsibilities, and a sure confidence in thy ever-ready help; and grant that we may live and work as those who realize the presence of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the Father of us all; We pray for thy blessing upon all mothers everywhere. Give to them holy desires with wisdom and power to fulfil the same, so that their children may grow up to call them blessed and to be useful men and women in this thy great world. We ask this, O Father, in the name of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour, who once lay a little Child in the arms of a Holy Mother. *Amen.*

For Organizations and Workers for Seamen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; We implore thy blessing upon all organizations throughout the world engaged in ministering to the welfare of seamen. Give wisdom to all who have undertaken to direct the management of their interests. Endue with judgment and strength from on high the executive officers, chaplains, missionaries and all associated with them,

and direct and prosper all their doings to the advancement of thy glory. Grant, we beseech thee, that the seamen and boatmen gathered from all nations of men who dwell on the face of the whole earth may find within the walls of the Institutes and Missions deliverance from danger and strength against temptation, inspiration to nobleness and purity, and, above all, such influence as will lead to their repentance and salvation through faith in thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AT A RETREAT

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile; Grant, we beseech thee, to thy servants now gathered together, so to seek thee for whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find thee and be found of thee, and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in thy Name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from thy perfect service; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

BLESS us, O God, with the vision of thy being and beauty, that in the strength of it we may work without haste and without rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MASTER of Life and God of our Salvation, we are making bold this day to enter the Holy of Holies, even the life and mind of thy dear Son. Fill us with reverence and awe. Fasten our attention on the things that are high and eternal. Keep us from the profanity of wandering thoughts and the frivolity of surface thinking. Help us this day to live with Jesus and to think with Jesus, so that in the coming days our message may be a word from thy heart to man's heart weighted with power to

reveal and to bless, to thy honour and praise and to the help of our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAISED and blessed be thy holy Name, O Lord, for having called us to thy ministry. We glorify thee, because thou art a God who never breakest faith. Not one good thing hath failed of all thou didst promise, when we were ordained. Thou hast broken our dreams, but it was only that we might learn to think in thy broad day. Thou hast put aside our plans, but it was only that we might open our eyes and see the depth and clearness of thy plan. Thou hast not spared our vanity and pride. Every high thought in us thou hast struck down. But it was only that we might find how dear we are to thee and set our feet on the rock of thy favour. Finish then, thy discipline of us, even though it be by fire. Out of the flames will we praise thee. Praised and blessed be thy Name, O God, who keepest thy Word. *Amen.*

O GOD the Holy Ghost, we thine unworthy servants most humbly beseech thee to be our light and strength in our present work. Come to us and teach us what to do, that by thy help we may please thee in all things. Let not ignorance draw us astray, nor respect of persons corrupt our doings. Illuminate our minds and sanctify our hearts, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

CHOIR PRAYERS.

Before Service.

O GOD, before whose throne in heaven the saints, standing on the sea of glass, sing the song of Moses and the Lamb; Grant us so to sing thy praises here with the spirit, and with the understanding also, that we may be counted worthy to learn the new song, which none can learn save those that shall be redeemed from the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast called us to the sacred ministry of praise in the service of thy church, make us ready now to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Teach us to understand and love thy holy service and help us to be reverent and attentive, guarding us from all wandering thoughts and unseemly actions, and make all that we shall say and do acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose are the gifts of grace and worship in thy holy House, accept the service of our lips and lives; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, the help of thy Spirit in our hearts, that we may enter into thy holy presence with reverence and gladness and render a service acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, we are going into thy House. Cleanse our hearts and help us to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Keep our minds from idle and worldly thoughts, and grant that the prayers and praises of thy people may go up from thy holy temple on earth to thy mercy seat in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After Service.

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have sung with our lips, we may believe in our hearts; and what we believe in our hearts, we may practise in our lives; so that being doers of the word and not hearers only, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKS be to thee, O God, for all thy mercies. Pardon our wandering thoughts and cold desires, and grant that when we leave thy House we may not leave thy presence, but may be ever near to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, accept, we beseech thee, this our bounden duty and service. Whatsoever we have offered aright, graciously regard, and wherein we have been negligent, mercifully pardon; for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

ACCEPT, O Lord, the service which we have rendered unto thy holy Name, and may the blessing of thy presence go with us and abide with us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED IN FAMILIES

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Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Master or Mistress having called together as many of the Family as can conveniently be present, let one of them, or any other whom they shall think proper, say as follows, all kneeling and repeating with him the* **Lord's Prayer.**

OUR Father, who art in heaven, etc.

¶ *Here may follow The Collect for the day.*

Acknowledgment of God's mercy and preservation, especially through the night past.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being; We, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Dedication of soul and body to God's service, with a resolution to be growing daily in goodness.

AND since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for grace to enable us to perform that resolution.

BUT, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; We humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and incited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions to him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For grace to guide and keep us the following day, and for God's blessing on the business of the same.

IN particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in all things, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under our afflictions. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

¶ *The Family being together, a little before bed-time, let the Master or Mistress, or any other whom they shall think proper, say as follows, all kneeling and repeating with him the* Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, etc.

¶ *Here may follow The Collect for the day.*

Confession of sins, with a prayer for contrition and pardon.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws.* But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

* *Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.*

Prayer for grace to reform and grow better.

AND lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. *The Intercession.* Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TO our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day; beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us, and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.* *The Thanksgiving.*

Prayer for God's protection through the night following.

IN particular, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the coming day. And grant us grace always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die; so that, living and dying, we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *On Sundays, and on other days when it may be convenient, it will be proper to begin with a Chapter, or part of a Chapter, from the New Testament.*

A Shorter Form.

Morning.

¶ *After the reading of a brief portion of Holy Scripture, let the Head of the Household, or some other member of the family, say,*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, etc.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be added any special prayers.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Evening.

¶ *After the reading of a brief portion of Holy Scripture, let the Head of the Household, or some other member of the family, say,*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, etc.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be added any special prayers.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

Additional Prayers.

For the Spirit of Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us when we draw nigh to thee from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with stedfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Morning.

O GOD, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far off from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who alone gavest us the breath of life, and alone canst keep alive in us the holy desires thou dost impart; We beseech thee, for thy

compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavours, that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without thy blessing. And grant that, having the eyes of the mind opened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by thy wisdom, and in work be upheld by thy strength, and in the end be accepted of thee as thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

At Night.

O LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the life of mortal men, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead; We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly supplicate thy merciful protection all this night. Bring us, we beseech thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sunday Morning.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord; Vouchsafe us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Quiet Confidence.

O GOD of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Guidance.

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Trustfulness.

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee, who carest for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, thou understandest all thy children: through thy gift of faith we bring our perplexities to the light of thy wisdom, and receive the blessed encouragement of thy sympathy, and a clearer knowledge of thy will. *Amen.*

For Joy in God's Creation.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast filled the world with beauty; Open, we beseech thee, our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him by whom all things were made, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Children.

ALMIGHTY God, heavenly Father, who hast blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report, following the example of their Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Absent.

O GOD, whose fatherly care reacheth to the uttermost parts of the earth; We humbly beseech thee graciously to behold and bless those whom we love now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may be bound together by thy love, in the communion of thy Holy Spirit and in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those We Love.

ALMIGHTY God, we entrust those who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come; knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Recovery of a Sick Person.

O MERCIFUL God, giver of life and health; Bless, we pray thee, thy servant *N.*, and those who minister to *him* of thy healing gifts, that *he* may be restored to health of body and of mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For One about to Undergo an Operation.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father; We beseech thee graciously to comfort thy servant, *N.*, in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence, that, though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Birthday.

WATCH over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be, keeping *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For an Anniversary of One Departed.

ALMIGHTY God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant, *N.*, and we pray thee that, having opened to *him* the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive *him* more and more into thy joyful service, that *he* may win, with thee and thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Mental Darkness.

O HEAVENLY Father, we beseech thee to have mercy upon all thy children who are living in mental darkness. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit, and give them health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Blessing on the Families of the Land.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families; We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain-glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all Poor, Homeless, and Neglected Folk.

O GOD, almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow men. Bless the congregation of thy poor. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs.

Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by thy heavenly grace, preserve from falling those whose penury tempteth them to sin; though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him who, for our sakes, became poor, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Faithfulness in the Use of this World's Goods.

ALMIGHTY God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess; Grant us grace that we may honour thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Intercession.

O GOD, at whose word man goeth forth to his work and to his labour until the evening; Be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident and harm the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the labourers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the heart of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good-will. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Bless all those who labour in works of mercy or in schools of good learning. Care for all aged persons, and all little children, the sick and the afflicted, and those who travel by land or by sea. Remember all who by reason of weakness are overtasked, or because of poverty are forgotten. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; and according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Grace Before Meat.

BLESS, O Father, thy gifts to our use and us to thy service; for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

GIVE us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OTHER PRAYERS FOR USE IN THE FAMILY AND IN OCCASIONAL SERVICES.

For the Spirit of Prayer.

LORD, grant us what is good, though we may not know how to ask it, and save us from what is evil, though we may ignorantly desire it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenant and promises with those that love thee with their whole heart; who art the life of all, the help of those that flee unto thee, the hope of those who cry unto thee; Cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to thy goodness. Cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the Truth, O God, who art a Spirit, help us in spirit and in truth to worship thy great Name; not acknowledging thee in one place or at one time only, but in every place and at every time, in all we do and in all we see, in our work and in our rest, in our laughter and our tears, in loneliness and in fellowship, in the eye of day and in the shadow of night, beneath the open sky as in the house of prayer, in the heart of the little child as in the wisdom of the man, in the fulness of health and strength and happiness as in the valley of the shadow of death, through which, O Father Almighty, do thou in thy mercy bear us to never-ending life and light and love. *Amen.*

WE beseech thee, Lord, open thy heavens, open our eyes: from thence may thy gifts descend to us; from hence may our hearts look back to thee. May thy throne be laid open to us, while we receive the benefits which we implore;

may our mind be laid open to thee, while we render the service which is enjoined to us. Look down from heaven, O Lord, behold and visit this vine which thy right hand hath planted. Strengthen the weak, relieve the contrite, confirm the strong. Build them up in love, cleanse them with purity, enlighten them with wisdom, keep them with mercy. Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, who didst lay down thy life for the sheep, defend the purchase of thy blood. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, seek for the lost, convert the wandering, bind up that which is broken. Put forth thine own hand from heaven, and touch the head of each one here. May we feel the touch of thy hand, and receive the joy of the Holy Spirit, that we may remain blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

In the Morning.

FROM the night our spirit awaketh unto thee, O God, for thy precepts are a light unto us. Teach us, O God, thy righteousness, thy commandments, and thy judgments. Enlighten the eyes of our minds, that we may sleep not in sins unto death. Drive away all darkness from our hearts, vouchsafe us the sun of righteousness. Guard our life from all reproach by the seal of thy Holy Spirit. Guide our steps into the way of peace. Grant us to behold the dawn and the day with joyfulness, that we may send up our prayers to thee at eventide. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day; there is no light but thine, without, within. As thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and though all else declines, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of him who, with fewest hours, finished thy divinest work, thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of thy holy will, not waiting for to-morrow, but yielding to-day. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of thy Spirit the resistance of our passion, indolence or fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and stedfast reliance on thy sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that thy lost image may be traced again, and thou mayest own us as at one with him; who art with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, Almighty God, that we may this day endeavour to be that which thou wouldst have us to be, and to do that which thou commandest, listening to the voice of thy Spirit within us, not leaving one fault unrepented of, one spot in our hearts uncleansed, and sparing least of all that sin with which it costeth us most to part; not looking back but forward, not casting down our eyes to earth, but lifting them up to heaven, not leaning upon mortal man, but upon thee, the Rock of Ages, who standeth fast forever; loving all men, doing good unto all men, loving thee, and never doubting that thou lovest us, and wilt make all things work together for good to those who trust in thee, our Lord, our Father and our God. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art near us always, we would speak with thee and thank thee for all the good gifts with which thou hast filled our lives. For blessings all about our path, for love that makes life beautiful, for all thoughts that uplift and gladden us, for disappointment and failure which humble us, for pain and distress which teach us our need, but most of all for our hope in thee and the fulness of joy which thy presence brings. Let us never doubt that, having led us thus far, thou wilt lead us to the end, and that thou hast in store for us that perfect

gladness of which we see some glimpses here. We all wish to serve thee, show to each of us how we shall do it best. Look upon all of us who kneel here this morning, use us as thou wilt, hands to work for thee, feet to run for thee, lips to speak of thee, and sing for thee, thoughts to use for thee, hearts to love as thou lovest. Let us have no lower aim, let none of us measure ourselves by others, or by any narrow and common standard of good, but let our lives be beautiful on all sides and full of this desire, to be perfect as thou art perfect. We ask, knowing how poor and weak we are, in thy strength, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU who dwellest in the light invisible, and yet revealest thyself to the soul that is in darkness, Father of spirits, we praise thee for all that thou art in thyself to us unknown; and for all that thou revealest from day to day. For every creature of thine that ministers to us in any way; for our parents, teachers, and benefactors; for the examples of the past and the counsels of the present; for the way by which thou art leading us; for thy voice in our consciences, thy law in our minds, and thy love revealed in our affections; for thine infinite mercies to our fathers; and for thy promises unto their children, receive, O Lord, the humble thanksgiving of our hearts. *Amen.*

O THOU, in whom we live and move and have our being, who art within our thoughts and desires, thou art nearer to us than any creature, yet we cannot by searching find thee out. Thou art farther from us than the east is from the west; yet thou revealest thyself on every side, and in all places of thy dominion. Grant unto us, who now feel after thee, the inward succour of thy Spirit. Send us help from above, and show unto us thy heavenly light. Keep us from the folly of thinking that we know thee fully, and from the sorrow of imagining that thou art too great to be known at all. May our thoughts of thee be just and true, and our feelings toward thee full of reverence and love. *Amen.*

LORD, make this day to be the day of thy tender mercy. Listen to the prayers of all thy children, be the Shepherd of the lost, the Guide and Light of unbelievers, the Teacher of the simple, the Father of the fatherless, the Protector of the oppressed, the Physician of the suffering, the Comforter of the dying, and bring us all at last to thee, our Refuge and Eternal Rest. *Amen.*

GRANT us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD and Father of us all, breathe upon us now thine hallowed calm; lift the burden from our hearts, soothe the anxieties of our minds and send peace into our souls. Forgive the disorder, the fever, the vain purpose of our lives. We have made haste as those who believe not. We have been desperate as those who lead a forlorn hope; we have not trusted in thee who workest evermore. We have spent our days contrary to thy plainest laws. Our eyes have been fixed to earth, and rarely lifted to the hills. We have not silenced ourselves to hear, nor been patient to understand. We have been fretful as children, comfortless as those who never knew thee. We have spent our strength on things that do not profit, and laboured for the bread that perisheth; while thy free and glorious gifts have lain near to us unappropriated and often spurned. Help us now to stand awhile in the shelter of thy shadowing wings, and to be still; to look out again upon life with new vision, that we may understand; to wait for the revelation of thy will that shall make us calm and strong. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, behold this family here assembled. We thank thee for this house in which we dwell and work; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect to-morrow; for the

health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives a joy; for our friends in all parts of the earth, and our friendly helpers in this place.

Let peace abound in our company and purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Offenders, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offences. Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others. For our sins forgiven or prevented, for our shame unpublished, we bless and thank thee,

O God, deliver us from fear and favour, from mean hopes and from cheap pleasures. Have mercy on each in his deficiency and let him be not cast down. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Help us to play the man, to perform the petty round of irritating concerns and duties with laughter and kind faces. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death, loving and loyal one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday Morning.

HEAVENLY Father, we commend ourselves to thee this day. Be with us, we beseech thee, in prayer, to quicken our devotion; in praises, to heighten our love and gratitude; keep us from all wandering thoughts; fill our memory with the words of thy law, and enlighten our understanding with the illumination of the Holy Ghost. Remember in mercy all who are hindered from coming to thy house, or who are deprived of the means of grace. Bless and teach all those who this day give themselves to the instruction of the young or ignorant, and grant to us and thy whole Church that at length, with all thy faithful servants departed, we may

enter into that rest which remaineth for thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Christmas-tide.

O BLESSED Lord Jesus, give us thankful hearts to-day for thee, our choicest gift, our dearest guest.

Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet spaces kept for thee, where holy thoughts pass up and down, and fervent longings watch and wait thy coming.

So when thou comest again, O blessed One, mayest thou find all things ready and thy servants waiting for no new master but for one long loved and known.

Even so come Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

O FATHER, who hast declared thy love to men by the birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem; Help us to welcome him with gladness and to make room for him in our common days; so that we may live at peace with one another and in goodwill with all thy family; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers For Easter-tide.

O CHRIST, the Light of men, who, after a brief sojourn in the grave, didst rise again, and shed thy glorious beams on the benighted world; Grant, we beseech thee, that, being illumined by thy blessed Presence, we may evermore walk as children of the light and of the day; to thy glory, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRACIOUS Lord, by the love with which thou didst draw near to thy disciples as they went to Emmaus and talked together of thy Passion; Draw near and join thyself to us, who reason of holy things, and give us, as we can bear it, the knowledge of mysteries.

By the mercy with which at first their eyes were holden that they should not know thee; be merciful to those who are slow of heart to believe.

By the blessing wherewith thou didst manifest thyself to thy disciples in the breaking of bread; let every act of thine whether in the world of nature or of grace, be to us as a sacrament, opening the eyes of our faith, that we may know thee.

By the power whereby thou didst vanish out of their sight, that their faith in the mystery of thy Resurrection might be increased; strengthen and confirm this faith in us. *Amen.*

At Night.

O GOD, who hast drawn over weary day the restful veil of night; Enfold us in thy heavenly peace. Lift from our hands our tasks, and all through the night bear in thy bosom the full weight of our burdens and sorrows; that in untroubled slumber we may press our weariness close to thy strength, and win new power for the morrow's duties from thee, who givest to thy beloved in sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THINE is the day, O Lord, and thine the night. Grant that the Sun of Righteousness may abide in our hearts, to drive away the darkness of wicked thoughts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O JESUS, our Master, do thou meet us while we walk in the way, and long to reach thy country, so that following thy light we may keep the way of righteousness, and never wander away into the darkness of this world's night, while thou who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, art shining within us. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; We humbly pray thee to watch over us this night with the eyes of thy mercy and over all who are near and dear to us. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep such as may fit us for the duties of the morrow. Put far away from us all worldly cares and earthly fears, and give us holy thoughts of

thee, that we may repose in perfect peace on the everlasting arms of thy fatherly love, and whether we wake or sleep, may live together with him, who died and was buried and rose again for us, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PUT far off from us, O God, all worry and misgiving; that having done our best while it was day, we may when the night cometh commit ourselves, our tasks, and those we love, into thy keeping, and accept from thee the gift of sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, who alone makest us to dwell in safety; Refresh with quiet sleep, this night, those who are wearied with the labours of the day; and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in thee; that lying down in peace to take our rest, we may fear no evil, but confidently give ourselves into thy holy keeping; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who faintest not, neither art weary; whose everlasting work is still fresh as thy creative thought; We bless thee for the pity of night and sleep, giving us the rest thou never needest. We would lie down each evening in peace and thankfulness, and commit the folded hours to thee. But, O Lord, through toil and repose, save us from any fatal slumber of the spirit; and keep us through life to the holy vigils of love and service, as they that watch for thy morning of eternity. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst go in and tarry with thy disciples when the day was far spent; Fulfil, we beseech thee, thy word in all who love thee, that they may evermore find joy in thy companionship, and light at eventide; to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

BE present, O Lord, to our prayers, and protect us by day and night; that in all successive changes of times we may ever be strengthened by thine unchangeableness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY the Lord hear us and bless us; may he save us from our spiritual enemy, and from all that is evil, and keep us under the shadow of his wings, this night and for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Lord of Peace himself give us peace always by all means. The Lord be with us all. *Amen.*

WE will lay us down in peace, and take our rest, for it is thou, Lord, only that makest us to dwell in safety. *Amen.*

For the Family.

MERCIFUL Father, bless we beseech thee, with all best blessings, both spiritual and temporal, all members of this family, whether present or absent. Bestow upon them, O Lord, such measure of earthly prosperity as may be good for them, and keep them, if thou wilt, in health and safety. But far above all earthly blessings, we ask thee to make this family to be a family fearing thee. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them. Unite them together in the bonds of holy love, and in the unity of thy holy Church, that they may abide in thee, and after being separated for a little while here below, may be again united in that kingdom where they can be parted no more forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL God, who alone makest men to be of one mind in an house; Help us, the members of this household, faithfully to fulfil our duties to thee and to each other. Put far from us all unkind thoughts, anger and evil speaking. Give us tender hearts, full of affection and sympathy toward all. Grant us grace to feel the sorrows and trials of others as our own, and to bear patiently with their imperfections. Preserve us from selfishness, and grant that, day by day, walking in love, we may grow up into the likeness of thy blessed Son, and be found ready to meet him, and to enter with him into that place which he hath gone to prepare

for us; for his sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WE bless thee, O God, for human love, the love of sweetheart and wife, of children and kinsfolk and friends, the love that takes the rough material of our lives and shapes it into beauty. We praise thee for thine own love which inspires our human love with the certainty of perfection. Keep us from narrowing our love. Open our hearts to the outcast members of our race. When the sweetness and joy of friendship and family life comes upon us, let the thought of the dark and noisome places where our brethren live, the houses of shame, the prisons and the convict camp, not fail to visit us. May we count all joy cheap and unworthy, if it have not in it the pain of sorrow over the sinful and the joyless; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Children.

O JESUS Christ, the Lord of children, be near to all children's hearts to-day. In their pleasant play make them to remember thy holy childhood, and put away all self-loving thoughts and ways, all untruthfulness and disobedience, all angry words and deeds. Comfort them in all their troubles, which are known to thee, and lead them on through pure and faithful lives to thyself, thy children's home. *Amen.*

For Those We Love.

O THOU who hast ordered this wondrous world, who knowest all things in earth and heaven, so fill our hearts with trust in thee, that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we may without fear commit those who are dear to us to thy never-failing love for this life and the life to come. *Amen.*

For a Woman with Child.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of all mercy and comfort, graciously behold this thine handmaid; that by thy continual aid she, with her child, may

be preserved from all perils and the fear of them. Bestow upon her, O good Lord, patience in her time of waiting and assist her with thy most merciful aid and protection in all her necessity, and grant that at the fulness of her time she may safely be delivered, to her joy and comfort, and to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Thanksgiving of Women after Child-birth.

O ALMIGHTY God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of child-birth, this woman, thy servant, who desireth now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, may faithfully live according to thy will in this life and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, that the child of this thy servant may daily increase in wisdom and stature, and grow in thy love and service, until *he* come to thy eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For One on a Journey.

HEAVENLY Father, we commend to thy almighty protection thy *servant* for whom we pray. Defend *him* from the dangers of *his* journey, guard *him* from sickness and all hindrance and hurt. Preserve *his* going out and coming in and make *him* grateful for all thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Confident Spirit.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the only Source of health and healing, the Spirit of calm and the central Peace of the universe; Grant to us, thy children, such a consciousness of thy indwelling presence, as may give us utter confidence in thee. In all pain, and weariness and anxiety may we throw ourselves upon thy besetting care, that knowing

ourselves fenced about by thy loving omnipotence, we may permit thee to give us health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Guidance.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who alone dost guide and govern the minds and hearts of thy children; Answer, we beseech thee, the doubts and uncertainties of our hearts; direct our minds toward true ideals; tell us what thou wouldest have us do; teach us the way in which thou wouldest have us serve thee and our fellow men; that we may consecrate our lives to noble purposes and fill our years with usefulness and power. Give us patience and faith in the little duties of life, and humility and strength in the greater responsibilities. Grant that in the way thou wouldest have us go, we may glorify thy holy Name and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Master of Life, illumine our minds with the light of thine own reason, inform our wills with thine eternal purpose, and so make our daily work a prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Perplexity.

O ALMIGHTY God, who knowest our several necessities; Do thou of thy great mercy direct aright those thy children who are harassed by the manifold perplexities belonging to this world of darkness. Guide them with thy heavenly light, and provide for them such counsel as may best enable them to draw near to thee, that they may return if they have erred, and may go forward in the right way if they are hesitating, and may be received into thy glory when their perseverance hath been manifested; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, who understandest all thy children; Bestow upon us, we beseech thee, thy gift of faith, that we may bring our perplexities to the light of thy wisdom, and receive the

blessed encouragement of thy sympathy, and a clearer knowledge of thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Hope.

O GOD of hope, fill us, we beseech thee, with all joy and peace in believing; that we may ever abound in hope by the power of thy Holy Spirit, and show forth our thankfulness to thee in trustful and courageous lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL Lord, the Comforter and Teacher of thy faithful people; Increase in thy Church the desires which thou hast given, and confirm the hearts of those who hope in thee by enabling them to understand the depth of thy promises; that all thine adopted sons may even now behold with the eyes of faith, and patiently wait for, the light which as yet thou dost not openly manifest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Joyful Religion.

ALMIGHTY God, at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore; We pray thee to make our religion one of joy and brightness. Dispel from our minds all doubt and gloom, that as thy redeemed and forgiven children we may evermore rejoice. Grant that day by day our lips may be singing thy praises, and our hearts be gladdened in holy anticipation of the life that knows no ending; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Unconquerable Gladness.

O GOD, Inspirer of the world's joy, Bearer of the world's pain, make us glad that we are men and that we have inherited the world's burdens. Deliver us from the luxury of cheap melancholy and at the heart of all our trouble and sorrow, let unconquerable gladness dwell; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Knowledge.

FATHER of Lights, by whose hand the fires of the sun are fed, and who hast kindled in our hearts the desire to know; We bless thee for leading us into a life wherein light and darkness are so wonderfully mingled. For the darkness and for the light we praise thee. On our knees we would learn to think. Standing on our feet we would learn to pray. O thou in whose being the simplicity and mystery of life do meet together, cleanse our prayers with the sanctity of reason, ennoble our reasonings with the majesty of prayer, and so bring us onward through darkness and through light, till in thy presence and before our eyes, the power that made the stars and the love that exalts our hearts shall kiss each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Holiness of True Reason.

O GOD, Inspirer and Teacher of men, who art the Truth thou lovest; Send out thy light and illumine us. Give us a deep and clear knowledge of ourselves. Help us to a growing knowledge of our world. Confirm us in the holiness of true reason. Strengthen in us the aspiration towards noble and spacious thinking, and in thy good time bring us to thy holy hill, where lifted above the clouds of prejudice and the mists of passion, we shall think thine own thoughts after thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Light.

SEND out thy light and thy truth, O God, and lead us through the mists of ignorance, vanity and fear, into the clear shining of the perfect day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Love.

O GOD, the God of all goodness and grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; Fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love toward thee as may cast out all sloth and fear, that nothing may seem too

hard for us to do or suffer in obedience to thee; and grant that by thus loving, we may become daily more like unto thee and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST loving Jesus, pattern of charity, who makest all the commandments of the law to consist in love towards God and towards man; Grant to us so to love thee with all our heart, with all our mind and all our soul and our neighbour for thy sake, that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness and ill-will may die in us; and fill our hearts with feelings of love, kindness and compassion, so that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments and envious thoughts, we may follow thee, who art thyself the true and perfect Love, and who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD of love, who hast given a new commandment, through thine only begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest thy beloved Son for our life and salvation; We pray thee, Lord, to give to us thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren. *Amen.*

O GOD, we have known and believed the love that thou hast for us. May we, by dwelling in love, dwell in thee, and thou in us. May we learn to love thee whom we have not seen, by loving our brethren whom we have seen. Teach us, O heavenly Father, the love wherewith thou hast loved us; fashion us, O blessed Lord, after thine own example of love; shed abroad O thou holy Spirit of Love, the love of God and man in our hearts. *Amen.*

O LORD, give us more charity, more self-denial, more likeness to thee. Teach us to sacrifice our comforts to others, and our likings for the sake of doing good. Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive; better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward; better to minister than to be ministered unto. And unto thee, the God of Love, be glory and praise for ever. *Amen.*

For Loyalty.

ALMIGHTY God, grant us thy gift of loyalty. For our homes, give us love and obedience; for our country, sacrifice and service; for our Church, reverence and devotion; and in everything make us true to thee, through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Nearness to Christ.

O BLESSED Jesus, who didst bid all those who carry heavy burdens to come unto thee; Refresh us with thy presence and power. Quiet our understandings and give ease to our hearts by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. Open to us the mind of God, that in his light we may see light. And crown thy choice of us to be thy ministers by making us springs of strength and joy for those whom thou hast sent us to serve. *Amen.*

BE thou, O Lord, our protection, who art our redemption; direct our minds by thy gracious presence, and watch over our paths with guiding love; that among the snares which lie hidden in this path, wherein we walk, we may so pass onward with hearts fixed on thee, that by the track of faith we may come to be where thou wouldst have us. *Amen.*

For Peace.

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest how often we sin against thee with our lips; Consecrate our speech to thy service, and keep us often silent, that our hearts may speak to thee and listen for thy voice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD the Father, Good beyond all that is good, Fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness and peace; Do thou make up the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into that unity of love, which is the likeness of thy sublime Nature, that bound together in thy Spirit, we may know that peace of thine which maketh all things one; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT us grace to rest from all sinful deeds and thoughts, to surrender ourselves wholly unto thee, and to keep our souls still before thee like a still lake; that so the beams of thy grace may be mirrored therein, and may kindle in our hearts the glow of faith and love and prayer. May we, through such stillness and hope, find strength and gladness in thee, O God, now and forever more. *Amen.*

LET me not seek out of thee what I can find only in thee, O Lord, peace and rest and joy and bliss, which abide only in thine abiding joy. Lift up my soul above the weary round of harassing thoughts to thy eternal Presence. Lift up my soul to the pure, bright, serene, radiant atmosphere of thy Presence, that there I may breathe freely, there repose in thy love, there be at rest from myself, and from all things that weary me; and thence return, arrayed with thy peace, to do and bear what shall please thee. *Amen.*

O LORD Christ, serene Son of God, whose will subdued the troubled waters and laid to rest the fears of men; Let thy majesty master us, thy power of calm control us; that for our fears we may have faith, and for our disquietude perfect trust in thee; who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

NOTHING, O Lord, is liker to thy holy nature than the mind that is settled in quietness. Thou hast called us into that quietness and peace of thine, from out of the turmoils of this world, as it were from out of storms into a haven; which

is such a peace as the world cannot give, and as passeth all capacity of man. Grant now, O most merciful Father, that, through thine exceeding goodness, our minds may yield themselves obedient unto thee without striving; and that they may quietly rise into that sovereign rest of thine above. Grant that nothing may disturb or disquiet them here beneath; but that all things may be quiet and calm through that peace of thine. *Amen.*

For a Sense of His Presence.

O LORD our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding thee we may love thee; and loving thee we may hate those sins from which thou hast redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESS us, O God, with a sense of thy Presence and companionship, that in the strength of it we may walk as children of light. Open wide the windows of our spirits, and fill us with light; open wide the doors of our hearts that we may receive and welcome thee as the Guest and Master of our lives. Take our lips and speak through them; take our minds and kindle them with thoughts of thee; take our hearts and wills and set them on fire to do thy will, and to serve thy children. *Amen.*

O THOU, who art the Light of the minds that know thee, the Life of the souls that love thee and the Strength of the thoughts that seek thee; Help us so to know thee, that we may truly love, so to love thee that we may fully serve thee, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whom none can love except they hate the thing that is evil, and who willest by thy Son, our Saviour, to redeem us from our iniquity; Deliver us when we are tempted to look on sin without abhorrence, and let the virtue of his Passion come between us and the enemy of our souls; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DISPEL from us, O God, the darkness of soul which seeth thee not, and the loneliness of heart which heareth not thy voice; that upheld by the vision of thy glory, and assured by the comfort of thy word, we may at length attain to the ready doing of thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT to us, O Lord, as we walk the way of life, to find there the blessed footprints of thy Son; and having found them, constrain us to follow until we look up and see his face, and enter into the joy of his friendship. We ask it in his Name. *Amen.*

For Purity.

O GOD, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; Mercifully grant unto us such a sense of sin that we may receive cleansing, and such cleansing that we may be made pure in heart, and may see thee for evermore; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, sinless Son of Man, who art evermore ready to succour them that are tempted; Grant unto us, thy servants, both valour and constancy, that we may keep undefiled our own purity, fight manfully against the corruption that is in the world, and shield and rescue those that are in peril and sore beset. These things we ask of the love of the Father and the power of the Holy Ghost, in thy Name, who with them, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all souls belong; Make us, we beseech thee, sober-minded, truthful, reverent and pure in heart. Teach us to shun all bad examples and to love every honest way; give us grace to overcome the sin that doth so easily beset us; let no unhallowed words pollute the tongues which thou hast made to praise and bless thee, no evil action defile the bodies which thou hast taught us are the temples of thy presence. From strong and sudden temptation, from pride and selfishness, from hatred, malice and envy, from

wicked thoughts and careless words, from hindering others in good or tempting them to evil, deliver and save us, O Lord our God. We ask it in the Name of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Readiness to Receive and Give.

O GOD, our Father, from whom all good things do come; Make us, we pray thee, quick to receive the gifts thou art ever ready to bestow, that we may use them, and give them again to thy waiting children throughout the world; for the sake of thy dear Son, who gave himself to all mankind. *Amen.*

For Rest.

O LORD God, who art as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, who beholdest thy weak creatures, weary of labor, weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self; In thine abundant compassion and unutterable tenderness, bring us, we pray thee, unto thy rest; through Jesus Christ, thy Son. *Amen.*

For Reverence.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast magnified thy Name and thy Word above all things; Imprint upon our hearts such a sense of thy Majesty and such a reverence for thy holy Name, that we may never take it lightly or carelessly upon our lips. Set a watch before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips, that we may always speak soberly and thoughtfully. Let our yea be yea, and our nay, nay, remembering that whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. Pardon us for all our sins of the tongue in time past, and do thou so open our lips through all the time to come, that our mouth shall show forth thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Spirit of Truth.

O LORD, grant all who contend for the faith, never to injure it by clamour and impatience; but, speaking thy precious truth in love, so to present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it thy goodness and beauty. *Amen.*

O GOD, the God of Truth, mercifully grant that the Holy Spirit of Truth may rule our hearts, grafting therein the love of truth and making us in all our thoughts, words and works to study, speak and follow truth, that we may be sincere before men and blameless before thee; for his sake who is the Truth, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Temperance.

O GOD, who didst make man in thine own image, and hast sanctified our human nature by the Incarnation of thy dear Son; Give us grace to keep our bodies in temperance and soberness. Stir up our wills to such abstinence as may safeguard the weak. Deepen our sense of the sinfulness of waste, and of the misery which self-indulgence thrusts upon the innocent. Strengthen the efforts to rid our land of drunkenness; and so mightily impel us to avoid all such things as are contrary to our profession, that we may prove ourselves worthy temples of the Holy Ghost; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Thankfulness.

O MERCIFUL God, whom to know is life eternal and whom to praise is man's chief joy; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to be truly thankful for thy manifold mercies, and grant that we may employ all thy gifts to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Vision of God in Nature.

O GOD, who dwellest not in temples made with hands; Help us as we daily look out upon the beauty of the world to know that thou art near. May the hills and lakes, the trees, the wide spaces of the fields and all the nature sights and sounds of earth and air, be unto us as gates whereby we may enter into the vast temple of thy presence and think quiet and compelling thoughts of thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, our Father, whose blessed Son saw thy reflected glory in the lilies of the field, and the wonders of thy will in earth and sky; Open the eyes

of our understanding to the beauty of the world, and give us grateful hearts for the rich bounty of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Conformity to God's Will.

ALMIGHTY Lord of life, of work and peace, Lord of our wandering wills; Renew, we beseech thee, our souls by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit with loyalty to duty and love for it; that when our wills have become one with thine, when our work is judged by thy presence, when this life's turmoil has brought forth its harvest of peace, our souls may see thy face; through his power who liveth and reigneth Lord of death and Source of life eternal, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THY will, O God, is the perfection of justice; let us never prescribe to thee what thou oughtest to give us. What thou doest will, we may be sure, be best for us; we cannot be sure of what we will for ourselves. Hearken not to the corrupt desires of our hearts, but to the voice of thine own mercy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Maker and Master of all, give or take from us whatever else shall please thee, but give us a will like thine own, that wearies not and wastes not; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS

O LORD Jesus Christ, who ever livest to make intercession for us; Let thy mercy be extended to all those who have none upon earth to pray for them in thy Name, and bring them, for thine own sake, to a participation of thy grace on earth, that they may praise thee with all thy saints in thine everlasting glory. *Amen.*

HAVE compassion, we beseech thee O Lord, upon all those, whose hearts are touched with sorrow, whose spirits are troubled or cast

down within them. O Lord, remember those to whom the burdens of this life bring dimness or darkness of soul. Send them help from above, and have mercy upon all who suffer, in body or mind, from whatever cause. O Lord, have mercy upon them continually. *Amen.*

For our Country.

O LORD of heaven and earth, who leddest our fathers forth, making them to go from one kingdom to another people; We yield thee hearty thanks for all that thou didst for them and art doing for the land to which they came. May we always remember them in thee, and be grateful to them through thee. We remember that their communion was to eat their bread in exile, their sacrament was to pour out their blood for others. We remember them not only as valiant in fight, but as wise in council, not only as brave warriors but as far-seeing statesmen, and incorruptible patriots. And we give thee thanks for them. We remember those of a later day, who spared not their lives that our land might be one; patriots of the newer time, prophets and martyrs of our country's unity. And we give thee thanks for them. And we pray that we may follow their good examples and bequeath to our children a nation worthy of such founders and preservers, meet to do thy will, a kingdom subject completely to thee and to thy Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who in the former time didst lead our fathers forth into a wealthy place; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of thy favour, and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in thy Name with the authority

of governance, to the end that there be peace at home, and that we keep a place among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness; and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages showed forth thy power and mercy in the preservation of thy Church, and in the protection of all who put their sure trust in thee; Grant that the people of this land, which thou hast so blessed, may show forth their thanks and praise for thy mercies, by loving obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At Election Time.

ALMIGHTY God, who dost hold us to account for the use of all our powers and privileges; Guide, we pray thee, the people of these United States in the election of their rulers and representatives; that by wise legislation and faithful administration the rights of all may be protected, and our nation be enabled to fulfill thy purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who alone canst teach the minds of men and incline their wills to do thy pleasure; We beseech thee at this time so to dispose the hearts of thy people that they may make choice of fit persons to serve in the great offices of the State. Grant them grace seriously to consider the trust committed unto them, and to discharge it faithfully with an honest and good conscience as in thy sight. Endue them with such a spirit of discernment, and such integrity of purpose, that they may choose wise, upright and religious men, who, walking in thy faith and fear, with a single eye to thy glory, may study to uphold our laws, and to maintain the safety, honour and welfare of our people. These and all other mercies, we humbly beg in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Authority.

GOD of all power and might, the Maker and Ruler of men; We commend our nation to the guidance of thy wisdom, to the keeping of thy love. May the rulers whom thy people choose to serve them, serve thee in honesty of purpose and uprightness of life. May they never forget their answerableness to the people whom they serve and to that people's God. Deliver them from the love of power and from motives of personal gain; from considerations of men or money in place of the demands of truth and justice; and from losing patriotism in partisanship. Bless them in their ministry with an ever larger vision of truth, an ever deeper sense of the demands of righteousness; that through their faithfulness the life of our people may be guided by wise policies, and lifted to higher ideals and nobler achievements; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of Hosts, who didst guide our fathers out of the house of bondage, and through the Red Sea of war, who hast granted us an heritage of glorious sufferings and the strength of chastening trial, appointing us for the protection of the weak, and giving us a potent ministry to all the world; Bind up the nation's wounds and make us whole. Help us to close the widening chasm between the strong and weak, the rich and poor; to cast into it all pride and prejudice, luxury and lust, envy and covetousness, the insolence of riches with the rancor of poverty, that we may fill it full and make a highway for the King to pass over, and for all the people to walk in together. And so may we establish the republic, and build in America the Holy City foretold by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began. We ask this in his Name who maketh men to be of one mind in a house and giveth integrity to states, who casteth out devils and confoundeth the tongues of foolish counsellors, the Desire of all Nations, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In Time of War.

O LORD God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech thee to look in compassion upon this nation now involved in war. Reckon not against us our many iniquities; pardon our offences, and especially our neglect and forgetfulness of thee. Look in mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Give strength to those who minister in hospital and camp, and hope to those who throughout the land are in anxiety or sorrow. Finally, we beseech thee to dispose our hearts and the hearts of those with whom we are in conflict to moderation, to remove all the causes and occasions of war, and of thy great goodness to establish perpetual peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Time of War and Tumults.

ALMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Family of Nations.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the Nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For International Fellowship.

O GOD, who hast appointed a day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; Quicken our loyalty to

thee that we may now and always choose thy will as our will, thy way as our way, thy peace as our peace. So lock our fortunes to thy purpose in these days of perplexity and suffering, that we may be satisfied with nothing less than a world at unity with itself, and, in abiding fellowship, win for mankind that freedom and mutual trust which will enable all nations to bring their glory and honour into thy Kingdom; through him who came to set men free, Jesus our King. *Amen.*

O GOD our Father, who didst send thy Son to be the Saviour of all men and the Prince of Peace; Look, we pray thee, in mercy upon the nations of the world and prosper all counsels which make for righteousness and peace. Forgive what thou hast seen in us of selfishness and pride, remove far from us the tempers which provoke the spirit of strife; and grant us such a measure of the gentleness and patience of thy Son, that we may live peaceably with all men and be, by thy blessing, the makers of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy Kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who on the night of thy passion didst pray to thy Father that all they who believe on him through thee might be perfected into one; We pray thee to pour thy Spirit upon the people of all nations that they may consecrate themselves to thy service, even as thou for their sakes didst consecrate thyself; and so, being joined together by their common faith and obedience, they may come more perfectly to love and understand one another, that the world may know that thou hast been sent by the Father to be the Saviour and Lord of all men; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Red Cross.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, be present, we beseech thee, to all who are stricken on the field of battle, that both in their bodies and in their souls they may experience thy healing. To physicians and nurses, and all who go forth in the army of mercy under the banner of the Red Cross, vouchsafe the gifts of thy power, that in this sign they may conquer death. To us who remain at home give a vision of the needs of suffering men, such as may stir us to offer in abundance our service and our wealth. And grant that our country, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Church.

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, heavenly Father; Pour out, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit upon thy faithful people. Keep them stedfast in thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant thy saving peace; through the same, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Unity of God's People.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away

all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may all be of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins but the faith of thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is according to thy will; who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered; Of thy tender mercy, we beseech thee, pour upon thy Christian people the grace of unity, that all schisms being healed, thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of thy Church, may worthily serve thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD our Father, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness and peace; Make up, we beseech thee, the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into that unity of love which is the likeness of thy sublime nature; that bound together in thy Spirit, we may know that peace of thine which maketh all things one; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD of Peace, who through thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth one Faith for the salvation of mankind; Send thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to thee, and to each other, in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us penitence for our divisions, wisdom to know thy truth, courage to do thy will, love which shall break down the barriers of pride and prejudice, and an unswerving

loyalty to thy holy Name. Suffer us not to shrink from any endeavour, which is in accordance with thy will, for the peace and unity of thy Church. Give us boldness to seek only thy glory and the advancement of thy Kingdom. Unite us all in thee as thou, O Father, with thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, look with pity, we beseech thee, upon thy Church weakened and hindered by differences and divisions; bless the effort to bring together in conference all who confess the faith of thy holy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner-Stone; Grant that, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy temple acceptable unto thee. And especially to this congregation present, give the abundance of thy grace; that with one heart they may desire the prosperity of thy holy Apostolic Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the Saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism, let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; that so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting; through the merits of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, the gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tran-

quil operation of thy perpetual Providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Liberty of the Word.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, unto thy Church, thy Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that thy word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people; that in stedfast faith we may serve thee, and in the confession of thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Final Blessedness.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, to whom is never any prayer made without hope of mercy; Bow thine ear, we beseech thee, to our supplications, and in the heavenly city cause us to be united with thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Schools or Colleges.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee, with thy gracious favour, to behold our universities, colleges, and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound; bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the only source of light and life; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to the institutions of learning in this place the rich gifts of thy good Spirit, that, by them all, thy truth may be sincerely sought, effectually received and obediently followed. Especially upon this

school send down the abundance of thy grace that, both in life and doctrine, we may be true followers of thy Son, Jesus Christ, and successful fellow-laborers in the blessed work of setting forward the salvation of all men; and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For the Alumni.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the source and perfection of all strength; Look, we pray thee, with thy blessing upon our brethren who have gone out of this school into the work of the ministry; grant unto them the spirit of wisdom that they may teach thy people thine eternal truth, and the spirit of holiness that they may go before them and lead them into thine everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Foreign Students.

O GOD the Father of all mankind, we would remember before thee the men and women who come from many lands to study in our universities. Guide and protect them in the difficulties and temptations which beset them in their new surroundings. Keep alive in their hearts the love of all that is good in their home life, and give them also insight to appreciate and share that which is good in ours. Pardon the faults of temper and manners by which we so often offend them; and grant unto us true humility, love and patience that we may welcome them in the spirit of the Master whom we desire to serve. *Amen.*

For Those Who Labour.

O THOU who hast been pleased to reveal thyself, in thy dear Son, Jesus of Nazareth, as the Father of all the family of the earth, and who hast promised thy heavenly favour to honest and true labour, thyself working wondrously in him the Saviour of the lost; Bless our land, which is thine, we beseech thee, and write the law of justice on the hearts and consciences of its rulers and people. Let thy fatherly pity and protection rest upon the

poor, the sick, the sorrowful. Relieve those who suffer under the wrongs and cruelties of their fellow-men. Give them patience and sure confidence in thee. Stay the injustice that binds heavy burdens upon the weak, or keeps back the hire of the labourers by fraud. Support all who are in any trouble. Heal the divisions in the great household of thy sons and daughters, and make their mutual strivings to cease. Grant the spirit of equity, fairness, peace and goodwill to every class and nation. Give courage and wisdom to thy prophets, and clothe thy bishops and priests with righteousness. And wilt thou fill the whole world with the light of thy truth and the glory of thy kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Blessing upon Honest Labour.

O GOD, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired should be sought for by labour, and who by thy blessing bringest honest labour to good effect; Look with mercy upon all our humble exertions in the discharge of our daily duties. Grant us, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit, to design only what is lawful and right; enable us to shun sloth and negligence, that each day we may discharge part of the task allotted to us; and so further us with thy help, that in all our undertakings we may meet with such success as will promote thy glory, and the salvation of our souls; for the sake of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Every Man in His Work.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow-men; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Every Man in His Business.

O GOD, who ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; Grant that every man according to the business which he hath undertaken among the sons of men may know that he is thy servant therein, and whatsoever his hand findeth to do may do it in thy service and to thy glory; for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Social Justice.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast created man in thine own image; Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Business.

MOST just and holy God, who requirest truth in the inward parts, and hast ordained love to be the bond of society; Pardon the dishonest practices of our time, and grant that we may deal according to that truth wherewith we expect to be judged, and exercise that love wherewith we hope to be pardoned. Enlighten all merchants and tradesmen with the gift of thy Holy Spirit, that they may consider, not what the world would sanction, but what thy law demands. Prosper with thy blessing all who are thus striving to regulate their dealings by the rule of truth and love, that they may become partakers of the true riches which can not fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Daily Bread.

OUR Father, giver of every good and perfect gift, who hast revealed thyself to us in the person of thy Christ; We ask thee in the words which he taught us, that thou wilt give us this day our daily bread. We pray thee bless our land and satisfy her poor with bread; put such wisdom into the hearts of our rulers that by wise laws the struggle

for subsistence may become less terrible; that poverty, ignorance and crime may be overcome; that the distinctions between rich and poor may be made less; that all our countrymen may feel themselves to be one body, of which if one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it. Hear us and help us, thou All-bountiful One, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

During Industrial Conflicts.

O JESU, Prince of Peace, Lord of Justice, and King of Love, look down from thy throne and behold the sad conflict between man and man, now raging among us. Grant, O Lord, that right may be done, and that all greed, violence, and treachery may be put away. By thy Spirit convince men that they are brethren, sons of the one Great Father. Let peace be brought about without any compromise of truth or justice; guide the counsels of those in authority on either side, and grant that all who endeavor to bring about reconciliation and settlement of disputes may earn the reward of the blessed peacemakers, whom thou hast called the children of God. Hear us, O Son of Man, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God. *Amen.*

For Christian Service.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We beseech thee to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow-men. Endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by thy love, they may worthily minister in thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, who has taught us that we are members one of another; Remove, we beseech thee, from among us all distrust and bitterness in indus-

trial disputes; and grant that, seeking what is just and equal and caring for the needs of others, we may live and work together in unity and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Over-burdened Workers.

O GOD, who givest unto every man the work of his calling as a means of serving thee; Have mercy upon those whose outward occupations distract their minds from the due remembrance of thyself, and grant that their neglect may be pardoned, their forgetfulness remedied, their desires spiritualized, and their lives transformed; that so they may not perish by labouring for the world, but may be delivered from the world by a diligent reliance upon thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Women who Work.

O LORD Jesus Christ who didst glorify labour by thy life of toil; Bless, we beseech thee, all Working Girls' Societies organized for the establishment and encouragement of a nobler and stronger Christian womanhood. Grant to all their members purity of motive, unselfish zeal and simplicity of life, and bring all wage-earners and those who have received their wages in advance, into ever closer union with each other and with thee; that when their brief day of toil is over, they may rest together forever united in thy presence, where is fulness of joy forevermore. Grant this, O Blessed Master of the harvest and the labourer, for thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

For Rich and Poor.

O CREATIVE Word, who while on earth didst not disdain to be known as the Carpenter; Grant sight to those blinded by luxury and deliverance to those bound by want; that the rich may joyfully follow the simplicity of thy most holy life, and the poor may obtain the inheritance of the meek; and that the hearts of all may be set with one accord to discover the way of salvation, through thy mercy,

who for our sakes didst become poor that we through thy poverty might become rich. *Amen.*

For all Who are Dependent on the Public Care.

MOST gracious God, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, and whose compassions fail not; We commend to thy fatherly pity and protection the poor, the sick, the children, the prisoners, dependent on the public care. Suffer us not, in our prosperity, to trust in riches, forgetful that we are bidden to be labourers together with thee; but give unto us, and unto this whole people, grace to show kindness and mercy towards those whom thy dear Son hath vouchsafed to call his brethren. Grant this, O Father, through the same thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O THOU who art Love, and who seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which reign in this world, have pity, we implore thee, on the work of thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labour, and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of justice and truth. *Amen.*

For Prisoners.

O GOD, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; We humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, to comfort and succour all prisoners (*especially those who are condemned to die*). Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of thy promises; that, trusting wholly in thy mercy, they may not place their confidence anywhere but in thee. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, awaken the guilty; and forasmuch as thou alone bringest light out of darkness and good out of evil, grant to these, thy servants, that by the power of thy Holy Spirit they may be set free from the chains of sin, and may be brought to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Deaf.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who, at the intercession of thy disciples, didst heal one that was deaf; Graciously hearken unto our prayers in behalf of these thy servants, and so open their ears to spiritual influences, that they may readily fulfill thy holy commandments; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Blind.

O GOD, who has sent thy Son to be the true light of the world; Grant that they who cannot see the things of the world may be the more fully enlightened and comforted by his inward guidance. Cheer them in their blindness with thy heavenly manifestations, that, beholding thee with increasing love, they may become the more conformed to thy image, until they behold thee as thou art, and awake to the full revelation of thy glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Deaf-Mutes.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, whose dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, when he dwelt on earth, went about doing good, unstopping the ears of the deaf, and loosening the tongues of the dumb; Look down with loving eyes upon all thy deaf and mute children, and give them the special blessing of thy mercy and grace; that they may learn the truth as it is in Jesus, and believe in and rest upon him as the Saviour of their souls, and find in him that joy and peace which the Holy Ghost alone can bestow. Be with them, we beseech thee, in all the trials and duties and dangers of this life; and may they so live in thy fear and love here, that in the world to come they may ever, with open ears, and loving tongues, send forth thy praise in thy heavenly kingdom. Hear us, O Lord God, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

For Those Advanced in Years.

O GOD our heavenly Father, whose gift is length of days; Help us to make the noblest use of mind and body in our advancing years. According to our strength apportion thou our work. As thou hast pardoned our transgressions, sift the ingatherings of our memory that evil may grow dim and good may shine forth clearly. We bless thee for thy gifts, and especially for thy presence and the love of friends in heaven and earth. Grant us new ties of friendship, new opportunities of service, joy in the growth and happiness of children, sympathy with those who bear the burdens of the world, clear thought and quiet faith. Teach us to bear infirmities with cheerful patience. Keep us from narrow pride in out-grown ways, blind eyes that will not see the good of change, impatient judgments of the methods and experiments of others. Let thy peace rule our spirits through all the trial of our waning powers. Take from us all fear of death, and all despair or undue love of life, that with glad hearts at rest in thee we may await thy will concerning us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

During an Epidemic.

O ALMIGHTY God, we implore thy help in this our great need. Pardon us for all the carelessness and neglect of thy laws which may have brought upon us this terrible disease, and inspire us to amend our ways. Guide all who are studying how to prevent, as well as to cure, such sickness. Quicken to repentance those who, by wilful indifference or selfishness, are responsible for the incursion of illness, and, if it be thy good will, assuage the virulence of this present calamity, and grant that we may learn by it to seek more diligently to do thy bidding, and to live in humble dependence upon thee who art our Father; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death; Look with the eyes of thy mercy, we beseech thee, in this time of great sickness and mortality, upon the sick, the anxious and the bereaved. Guide

by thy wisdom the efforts made to cure, and mightily increase our confidence in thy love; that resting in our faith, and sustained by thy power, thy suffering servants may be brought to health, and upheld by thy strength, may live to thee, in the joy of thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those Who Labour in the Gospel.

O LORD, without whom our labour is but lost, and with whom thy little ones go forth as the mighty; We humbly beseech thee to prosper all works in thy church undertaken according to thy holy will (especially ——), and grant to thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the blessedness of serving thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those Who Err from the Faith.

O FATHER of lights, who art ever pitiful to the manifold wanderings of the children of men, and who hast given us thy holy Word to be a lantern to our feet amid the darkness of this world; Have compassion upon all who, by denying the Gospel of thy dear Son, have been led far off from peace, and become estranged from prayer. Open their hearts to the truth, help them to cast down every proud thought, and make them to become as little children that they may be wise; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For Those Who Live in Sin.

HAVE mercy, heavenly Father, on all who are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; vouchsafe them grace to come to themselves, the will and the power to return to thee, and the loving welcome of thy forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner but rather that he should be converted and live; We implore thy mercy upon such of our relatives and friends as know not thee, and upon all in this parish who do not acknowledge thy ways; that thou wilt graciously move upon their hearts by thy Holy Spirit. Open their eyes to their true condition that they be not deceived; reveal in them thy Son Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins, and breathe into their hearts the most precious gift of faith that they may confess him before men, and finally be gathered with the whole company of the redeemed into thy heavenly kingdom; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS

The Noon-Day Prayer.

BLESSED Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto thee and be saved; through thy mercies and merits who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

LORD Jesus, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross, that all men might come within the reach of thy saving embrace; Clothe us in thy Spirit, that we, stretching forth our hands in loving labor for others, may bring those who know thee not to the knowledge and love of thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God. *Amen.*

For the Increase of the Ministry.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst command thy disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest; We beseech thee graciously to increase the number of faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments, and to send them forth among all nations of men; that perishing souls may be saved, and the bounds of thy blessed kingdom be enlarged. We ask it, O merciful Saviour, for the glory of thy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, look mercifully upon the world which thou hast redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son, and incline the hearts of many to dedicate themselves to the sacred ministry of thy Church; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O SPIRIT of the Living God, touch with thy quickening power the lives of the young men of our land to-day, that they may feel the claim of personal service to the deep needs of their generation. Illumine their minds to behold in the ministry of the

Church a way in which, in fellowship with Christ, they may give themselves for man's redemption. Open their ears to hear thy inward call, and steady their wills to obey it; anoint them with thy grace and fill them with thy power, that the Church may be supplied with true pastors, and its people led into all truth, by thee, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son came not to do his own will but thine alone; Open our hearts to every call from thee, and over all worldly fears let thy plans for us prevail; that in full surrender to thy purpose, we may find our reward as the ministers of thy grace and the messengers of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Native Ministry.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Maker of all mankind, we humbly pray that thou wouldest be pleased to raise up in each country a zealous and faithful band of native clergy, so that the people thereof may hear in their own tongue the wonderful works of God. Teach them, O Lord, and lead them into all truth. Give them boldness with fervent zeal to preach the Gospel unto their fellow countrymen, whereby they may be brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Hasten, we beseech thee, the glorious time, when the redeemed out of every kindred and people and nation shall join in the new song unto the Lamb that was slain, but who now liveth for evermore. Hear us, heavenly Father, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Missionaries.

O THOU Good Shepherd of the sheep, who willest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth; Be with those who are helping to seek thy lost sheep. Let thy love and patience be shown forth in their lives and conversation, thy tenderness

and compassion in their words and actions; may they win many souls for thee, and kindle in other hearts a desire to devote themselves to works of love. And grant, O Lord, that we may be all knit together as living stones in the unity of thy Church, and be brought at last to thee, in everlasting glory; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Mission Schools.

O THOU true Light, that lightest every man that cometh into the world; Do thou in thy mercy touch the hearts and lighten the understandings of all who teach and of all who learn in Christian schools, that they may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that thou wouldest have them believe and practise, to the benefit of thy holy Church and their own salvation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission Hospitals.

O LORD, the Healer of all our diseases, who knowest how the sick have need of a physician; Let thy perpetual providence guide and direct the work of mission hospitals throughout the world. Bless all whom thou hast called to be sharers in thine own work of healing; let them learn their art in dependence upon thee; let them exercise their skill to thy honour and glory; and grant, O merciful Father, that they, and all committed to their care, may be brought through the mystery of suffering into union with thee. Give Christian people everywhere a ready will to support all good works undertaken in thy Name, that the sorrow of the world may be lightened and the bounds of thy Kingdom enlarged, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who didst come to seek and to save the lost, and to whom all power is given in heaven and in earth; Hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy Church for those who, at thy command, go forth to preach the Gospel to every crea-

ture. Preserve them from all dangers to which they may be exposed; from perils by land and perils by water; from the deadly pestilence; from the violence of the persecutor; from doubt and impatience; from discouragement and discord; and from all the devices of the powers of darkness. And while they plant and water, send thou, O Lord, the increase; gather in the multitude of the heathen; convert in Christian lands such as neglect so great salvation; that thy Name may be glorified, and thy Kingdom come, O gracious Saviour of the world; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the holy Apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; Grant to us whom thou hast called into thy Church a ready will to obey thy Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known thee, and on the multitudes in our own land that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and send forth labourers into thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of thy ministry; give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness, and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Foreign Missionaries.

O GOD, who never failest to go with those thou sendest; Bless thy servants [especially —] whom thou hast chosen to bear thy name before the dwellers in the uttermost part of the earth, that they may have wisdom to know, strength to do, patience to suffer and courage to persevere in thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Workers in the Field.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, for the merits of thy dear Son, to pour out thy Holy Spirit upon all our missionaries at home and abroad, and to crown their labours with success in the gathering of souls into thy kingdom, to the honour and praise of thy glorious Name; who art, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast in Christ revealed thy glory unto all nations; Protect the works of thy mercy, that thy Church may be spread throughout the world, and may abide with stedfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Workers at Home.

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all good things do come; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to those whom thou hast intrusted with riches, that they, as faithful stewards, may dispense them in the service of thy kingdom, for the increase thereof; to the honour and praise of him who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who rulest in heaven and in earth, and canst turn the hearts of men after the counsel of thine own will; We humbly pray thee to awaken in all the members of thy Church such a deep sense of their duty to maintain and set forward the work of missions, that by their faith and zeal thy holy Name may be glorified, and the bounds of thy kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

FATHER of mercies, forgive, we pray thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and enkindle our zeal that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and may with ready diligence labor in the extension of thy kingdom; for his sake who gave himself for the life of the world, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Saviour, who art ascended to the right hand of the Father, and hast poured forth the manifold gifts of the Spirit upon thy Church; Dispose thy people faithfully to use all that thou givest them in the furtherance of thy kingdom; for the glory of thy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

A Confession.

O MOST Merciful Father, we confess before thee, that we have done little to forward thy kingdom in the world, and to advance thy glory. We would humble ourselves before thee for our past neglects, and seek for mercy and forgiveness. Pardon our shortcomings. Give us greater zeal for thy glory. Make us more ready and more diligent, by our prayers, by our alms, and by our examples, to spread abroad the knowledge of thy truth, and to enlarge the boundaries of thy kingdom. May the love of Christ constrain us, and may we do all to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For Domestic Missions.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose heavenly inspiration we think those things that are right, even as by thy merciful guidance we perform the same; Quicken in the hearts of thy servants, the bishops and other pastors of thy flock, and the people committed to their charge, such a sense of their duty to all who are ignorant, erring and uncared-for in this land as shall move them to sacrifice and service in their behalf, without stint and without delay. Make us to see that souls are perishing for lack of the knowledge of Jesus Christ and him crucified, and since thou hast entrusted to us the knowledge of thy truth and the gifts of thy bounty, help us to use them as good stewards, that so thy Word may be proclaimed and thy kingdom enlarged, to the glory of thy Name and the salvation of men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Indian Missions.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Father of the friendless and the Helper of the helpless; Have pity, we beseech thee, upon the Indian tribes who dwell in this our land. Send to them the light and comfort of thy Holy Gospel. Bless all the means used to bring them to the knowledge of thy dear Son, who died for the salvation of all men. Guide with thy Spirit, guard with thy power, sustain with thy love, all those who minister to them in spiritual things, and bear to them the tidings of redemption. Stir up the hearts of all who profess and call themselves Christians to prayer and deeds of mercy in behalf of this race. Give to our rulers a sense of honour, truth and justice in all their dealings with them, and fill this whole nation with compassion for this poor and scattered people; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved and be made one fold under one Shepherd. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Jews.

O EVERLASTING God, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; We beseech thee to look upon thine ancient people Israel, scattered abroad throughout the world, and to visit them with thy salvation. Take away the veil from their hearts, and bring them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, their Messiah, their Prince, and their Saviour: and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made partakers of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Foreign Missions.

O HOLY Father, who didst promise to thy well-beloved Son, Desire of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession; Hear, we pray thee, his prevailing intercession for the souls which

he hath purchased with his precious blood; kindle our desires for the extension of his kingdom among men; pour upon us the spirit of supplication for the spread of the Gospel; and so consecrate our lives to thy service, that we may gladly give ourselves and our substance to send the sound of the blessed Gospel into all lands and its words unto the ends of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In Behalf of all Men.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh and hasten thy Kingdom; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST gracious God, who hast gathered into thy Church a great company out of all nations; Fulfil, we pray thee, what thou hast foretold by thy holy Prophets, that all the ends of the world should remember themselves and be turned unto thee, and make all the kindreds of the nations to worship before thee; through the only Saviour of the world, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Whole Human Race.

O ETERNAL God, the Father of all mankind, in whom we live and move and have our being; Have mercy on the whole human race. Pity their ignorance, their foolishness, their weakness, their sin; sheep wandering on the mountain without a shepherd, travellers lost in the wilderness without a guide. Set up an ensign for the nations, O Lord, and bring them to thy glorious rest. Let the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Hasten thy kingdom, O Lord, and bring in everlasting righteousness, for the honour of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Brightness of faithful souls; Fill the world with thy glory, we pray thee, and show thyself, by the radiance of thy light, to all the nations of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God Almighty, whose glory lighteneth thy holy city that is to come; Grant that the nations may walk in the light of it and that all the kings of the earth may bring into it their glory and honour; through Jesus Christ thy Son, who reigneth King of kings and Lord of lords now and forevermore. *Amen.*

For Patient Faith.

O GOD, by whose command the order of all time runs its course; Forgive, we beseech thee, the impatience of our unbelief; make perfect that which is lacking in our faith; and, while we tarry thy fulfilment of the ancient promises, grant us to have a good hope because of thy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, whose compassions fail not, and whose loving kindness reacheth unto the world's end; We give thee humble thanks for all the great things thou hast done and art doing for the children of men; for the opening of heathen lands to the light of thy truth; for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert; for knitting nation to nation in the bonds of fellowship; and for the planting of thy Church in all the earth. O merciful Father, in whom the whole family is named, fill full our hearts with grateful love for this thy goodness, granting us grace henceforth to serve thee better and more perfectly to know thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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For a Sick Person.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick *servant* (*N*). for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, gracious and merciful, full of compassion and of great kindness, we beseech thee of thy goodness to look upon the poor, the afflicted, the sick, the unhappy. Sustain them in their troubles by the comfort of thy Holy Spirit; uphold them with thy sure promises; fill their souls with the knowledge of thy love; turn their sufferings into blessings, and for their affliction give them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; through thy dear Son, who for our sakes became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child.

O HEAVENLY Father, watch with us, we pray thee, over the sick *child* for whom our prayers are offered, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is thine alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, almighty and merciful, who lovest all children, and hast filled the world with gladness; Pour out thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon the sick child for whom our prayers are offered. Guide by thy wisdom the efforts made for *his* cure, and mightily increase our confidence in thy love; that *he*, resting in our faith, and sustained by thy power, may be made well, and

may live to thee, in the joy of thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful Saviour, who lovest little children, and thyself didst live as a little child upon the earth; We come to thee in behalf of one whom we love. Thou art the Good Shepherd and carest for the lambs of thy flock, leading them tenderly and bearing them in thy gentle arms. Bring thou this child, for whom our prayer is offered, safely through the time of sickness and danger. Teach *him* to be meek and loving and obedient like thyself. Keep *him* from all fretfulness and impatience. Let *him* feel that thou art ever near. Let *him* learn to love thee better and better. Be pleased to restore *him* to health, make *him* to walk all *his* days, be they many or few, in the way that leadeth to eternal life. Hear us, O pitiful and loving Lord, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst heal all manner of sickness and disease amongst thy people; Give thy blessing, we beseech thee, to the means now used for the healing of this thy child; that *he* may be restored to health, and spared to worship thee in the courts of thy house on earth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Parents Whose Child is Sick.

O GOD most merciful and gracious, who hast taught us in thy holy word to cast all our care upon thee; Relieve, we pray thee, the anxiety of thy servants; and, that they may trust themselves and their dear child wholly unto thee, teach them ever more and more to know the greatness of thy love and sympathy, which thou hast revealed to us in thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For one in Severe Pain.

BY thine overflowing mercy, heal, O merciful Lord, the pains, the weakness, and the increasing sickness of thy servant, whose strength faileth

him through the sharpness of his sufferings; that being delivered *he* may gratefully give thanks unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS Father, whose dear Son bore for us unspeakable agonies, being scourged, and crowned with thorns, and nailed to the Cross; Have mercy on thy servant who is now in great suffering, and grant *him* grace to fix *his* eyes upon the Cross, and therein to find strength, truly following him, who for the joy that was set before him endured the Cross; that knowing the fellowship of the sufferings of thy dearly-beloved Son, our Lord, *he* may rest in him, and at length enter into his joy; for his merits, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD God, bless all who are near and dear to us [especially —]. Wrap them in thy strength, and bring them even through sorrow to the vision of thy eternal beauty. Let the sick be healed, the mournful comforted, the poor succoured, and the afflicted in mind and body held firmly in thy deep peace, the peace that passeth human understanding. *Amen.*

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art a very present help in trouble; Look graciously, we most humbly beseech thee, upon this thy servant, and send *him* patience and comfort in this time of *his* great distress. Strengthen *him*, O blessed Lord, with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit, and lay not more upon *him* than thou wilt enable *him* to bear; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of Consolation, let us neither desire anything against thy will, nor in disappointment seek comfort away from thee; but, knowing thy will to comprehend what is best, in both our own lives and our neighbours', and in that of all creatures, let us ever resign ourselves to thy disposal, who out of evil bringest good, and to whom our prayer should be in perfect peace. Give us what thou seest fit, and fit us for what thou givest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Trust in God's Guidance.

O LORD, by all thy dealings with us, whether of joy or pain, of light or darkness, let us be brought to thee. Let us value no treatment of thy grace simply because it makes us happy or because it makes us sad, because it gives us or denies us what we want, but may all that thou sendest us bring us to thee, that knowing thy perfectness, we may be sure in every disappointment that thou art still loving us, and in every darkness that thou art still enlightening us, and in every enforced idleness that thou art still using us, yea, in every death that thou art giving us life, as in his death thou didst give life to thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Faith in Christ's Sympathy.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who for our sakes wast made man, that thou mightest thyself take our infirmities and bear our sicknesses, and who on earth didst feel for thy suffering people and go about doing good and healing all kinds of sickness and disease amongst them; We pray thee increase our faith in thy goodness and love towards us for whom thy precious Blood was shed; that we may believe in thy sympathy with us in all our difficulties and trials here, and take them all to thee, in humble trust that thou wilt remove them if it seemeth good to thee, or else strengthen us to bear them; for thy tender mercies' sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Healing.

O GOD, who hast vouchsafed to mankind the remedies that bring salvation, and the gifts of eternal life; Preserve to thy servant the gifts of thy power, and grant that not only in *his* body but also in *his* soul, *he* may experience thy healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOLD in thy Compassion, loving Jesus, those who are smitten with disease. Lay a healing hand upon the wounds of their souls, that inner peace

may be their portion. Revive their failing strength and let life conquer death in their suffering bodies, that rejoicing in thy mercy they may serve thee with grateful hearts all their days upon earth. *Amen.*

GRACIOUS and adorable Saviour, who didst suffer for us, and canst enter into sympathy with us in all our trials and sorrows; Regard thine afflicted servant with the eyes of thy compassion. Draw tenderly near to *him*, that *he* may have fellowship with thee, and be filled with the assurance that thou lovest *him* and carest for *him*. May the thought of thy cross and passion sustain and comfort *him*. Daily may *he* learn of thee and know the preciousness of thy salvation. Be pleased to give *him* thy mind and conform *him* to thine image, that thou mayest dwell in *him* and *he* in thee. These blessings we ask in thy Name, most merciful Saviour, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

WE ask thee not, O Lord, to rid us of pain. But grant in thy mercy that our pain may be free from waste, unfretted by rebellion against thy will, unsoiled by thought of ourselves, purified by love of mankind and ennobled by devotion to thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who dost heal all manner of sickness and disease among thy people, and through whom alone we may receive health and salvation; We bless thee for thy presence in all our endeavors to heal the sick. Release in them the healing power of nature; let thy life be in them a well of water springing up into everlasting life; and grant that, experiencing both in body and mind thy perfect healing, they may evermore find rest in thee; for thou art the Hope of us all, and the Deliverer of us all, and the Raiser up of us all: and to thee we yield loving praise and high thanksgiving, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who didst send thy Son into the world that all thy children might be made whole; Grant to us such faith in his power to heal

us, that we, together with those we love, may rise from our infirmities into the strength of his perfect health, both in body and soul; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Aged.

O LORD God, who hast made the days of man as a span long, and his age even as nothing in respect of thee; Grant, we beseech thee, unto this thy servant, repentance and pardon for all the transgressions which *he* hath committed against thee, and make *him* to spend whatever of *his* life remaineth, in thy love and holy fear. Accept, we beseech thee, *his* prayers and services, though they be imperfect by reason of *his* bodily weakness, and finally, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit so strengthen *him* that *he* may continue thine forever, and, in thine appointed time, be received into eternal rest; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our blessed Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE day is gone, and we give thanks, O Lord. Evening is at hand; make it bright unto us. As the day has its evening, so also has life. O Lord, make the evening of life bright unto thy servant. Cast *him* not away in the time of age; forsake *him* not when *his* strength faileth *him*. Abide with *him*. Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent of this fretful life. Let thy strength be made perfect in *his* weakness. Day is fled and gone; life too is going. Night cometh; and death cometh also. Near as is the end of day, so too the end of life. We beseech of thee, O Lord, bless to thy servant *his* closing days. Make them pure and peaceful, and sinless, and if it please thee, painless. Into thy Hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant, spirit, soul, and body. Thou didst make, and thou didst redeem *him*. Guard *his* lying down, and *his* rising up, from henceforth even forever. Let *him* remember thee on *his* bed, and search out *his* spirit. Let *him* wake up, and be present with thee. We ask all in the Name of our only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For One Kept from Church.

O HEAVENLY Father, we pray for a blessing upon thy servant, hindered by infirmity from going up to the house of prayer. Thine Eyes are in every place. Thine Ear is open unto every prayer that is offered in spirit and in truth. O be with thy servant in *his* home, and may *he* find thy presence ever near to *him*. Thou hast cut off from *him* the privilege of worshipping with *his* brethren in the congregation. Give *him* much joy and comfort in the prayer of the secret closet. And so bless and guide *him*, O merciful Father, that, when the poor, imperfect worship of this world is no more, *he* may join for ever in the glorious and perfect worship of the heavenly chorus; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Shut-in.

O LORD God, who makest all things work together for good, thou hast been pleased to withdraw thy servant from many occupations and pleasures which others enjoy; Grant that *he* may the more find *his* happiness in peaceful rest and communion with thee, and fill *his* heart with sweet thoughts of the good things God hath prepared for them that love him, that others seeing *his* content and cheerfulness, may take note of *him* that *he* hath been with Jesus; and thus by *his* weakness, the Son of God shall be glorified. Be very near to *him*, O Lord, through this life and bring *him* at last to that land where there shall be no more pain; for the sake of Jesus Christ, *his* Saviour. *Amen.*

For One in Great Sorrow.

O HOLY Jesus, we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thine afflicted servant. Thou wast a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief; thou art touched with a feeling of our infirmities; thou hast borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; thou knowest every pain and pang that rends the heart; thou knowest the heaviness which boweth down thy servant's soul: O thou whose soul was once exceeding sorrowful even unto death, look down in mercy

upon *his* sorrow. Pardon in *him* all faithless thoughts and fears, and dispel them by thy grace. Lift from *his* head the dark cloud of despair, and let the bright sunshine of thy love shine round about *him*. Teach *him* to trust thy word, and to believe in thy promises, and let *him* not be cast down overmuch by the anguish of *his* own weak heart. Teach *him* to look from *his* own suffering to thy blessed cross, and in thine own good time, may *he* there find healing and comfort and peace, knowing that thou wilt never leave *him* nor forsake *him*, until *he* enter at length into the joy of *his* Lord, and the perfect peace of Paradise, there to dwell with thee, who liveth and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. *Amen.*

When a Patient is very ill.

REMEMBER, O Christ Jesus, how thou didst hang with arms outstretched upon the Cross, to show thyself ready to embrace all men with thy loving mercy. We pray thee, O loving Jesus, for this sick *man*, who findeth no rest in his anguish; take him in thine arms, and give him rest in thee. *Amen.*

O BLESSED Lord Jesus who when thou wast pleased to die, didst bow thine head and commend thy spirit into the hands of thy Father; Grant that when the hour of our departure shall come, we be may willing to leave this mortal life, and thou being present to our sight, and shining upon us with the light of thy countenance, we may joyfully commit our souls to thee, who art the Lord of Life, and hast the keys of death and hell. Grant this, Lord Jesus, for thine own mercies' sake. *Amen.*

For a Recovery from Sickness.

O GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless thy Name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness; *this* thy *servant*, who now *desireth* to return thanks unto thee, in the presence of all thy people. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion

to the children of men. May *his heart* be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving For a Child's Recovery from Sickness.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness the child in whose behalf we bless and praise thy Name, in the presence of all thy people. Grant, we beseech thee, O gracious Father, that *he*, through thy help, may both faithfully live in this world according to thy will, and also may be *partaker* of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for an Escape from Special Peril.

O LORD God, in whose hand is the life of every thing, and the breath of all mankind; We magnify thy goodness in that thou hast been pleased to save from deadly hurt thy *servant*, who now *desireth* [for whom we desire] to offer thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Give *him* grace, we humbly beseech thee, worthily to spend in thy service the days which thou hast so mercifully prolonged, that henceforth dwelling always under thy protection *he* may abide in thy love unto *his* life's end; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

For the Dying.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whose hands are the issues of life, and whose infinite wisdom ordereth all things for the best to them that love thee; Look down with Fatherly eye on thy child whom thou hast touched with thine hand. Support *him* by thy grace, confirm *his* faith, increase *his* hope, and perfect *his* love. Strengthen *him* with thy spirit in the inner man that Christ may

dwell in *his* heart through faith. Make *him* to know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge. And when it shall please thee to call *him* to thyself, carry *him* safely through the valley of the shadow of death through which our loving Saviour hath passed before us. And finally receive *him* into those heavenly mansions which the same Lord hath gone to prepare; where no fear shall trouble *him*, no pain distress *him*, no anxiety disturb *him*, no infirmity afflict *him*; where perfect security, pure delight, and unceasing joy await all who truly love thee, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HAVE mercy on thy servant, O Lord. Into thy hands we commend *his* spirit, for thou hast redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of truth. O be with *him* in this hour of need. Leave *him* not, neither forsake *him*. Support *him* in thine everlasting arms. Guide *him* through the valley of the shadow of death. Bring *his* soul out of prison, that it may praise thee. Say unto *his* soul, "I am thy salvation." Say unto *him*, "To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Let *him* know the salvation of Jesus. Let *him* see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. O Lord, bid *him* come to thee. Lord Jesus receive *his* spirit, and open to *him* the gates of everlasting glory. Let thy loving spirit lead *him* forth into the land of righteousness. Send thine angel to carry *him* to the abode of peace. In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, Good Lord, deliver *him*. *Amen.*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we remember before thee to-night, those thy children who are journeying in great bodily weakness, and drawing near unto the gates of death. We pray thee that thou wilt send thy dear Son to meet with them in the way, and to abide with them, for the day is far spent; that he may break with them the bread of eternal life; that he may look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy, and comfort them with a sense of thy goodness. And fill the hearts of all of us, we pray thee, with such trust in thee, that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we may

without fear commit those who are dear to us to thy never-failing love, for this life and the life to come; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL pity, receive the soul of this thy child unto thyself, that where thy mercy reigneth *he* may dwell. May *he* pass from this restlessness and strife into thy rest; and when *he* is called to give an account of *himself* and of *his* works, do thou, we pray thee, remember that which men owe *him* with that which *he* doth owe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Dying Child.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst take little children in thine arms and bless them; Bless, we beseech thee, this child; take *him* into the arms of thine everlasting mercy. Keep *him* from all evil, and bring *him* into the company of those who ever behold the face of thy Father which is in heaven, with whom, and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Note.— *For other prayers see Office for Visitation of the Sick, pp. 25–35.*

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION.

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy *servant;* for whom our prayers are offered. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; endue *his* soul with patience; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LOVING Jesus, who didst take little children unto thine arms to bless them; We believe that thou hast received the child now hidden from our sight. Thou lovedst *him* better than we loved *him*. Thou knewest what was best for *him* better than we knew. Thou willest, in thy love, that *he* should be with thee where thou art. We ask thee, O our Saviour, to have mercy on us who remain. Make all thy children to know how short and uncertain their time is. May they learn to love thee in obedience and innocence, that so, when thou callest them away, their eyes may see the King in his beauty, and their voices join in the songs of those who praise thee day and night in thy temple. And unto thee, O blessed Lord Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, shall be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, of whose kingdom in heaven little children are members, and into which no one can enter who becomes not as a little child; We humbly implore thy mercy in behalf of *these* afflicted *parents*. Bind up, we pray thee, *their* broken *hearts;* comfort *them* with the blessed assurance that it is well with *their* child, now delivered from the trials and sorrows of this mortal life, and at rest and peace in the Paradise of God. And prepare *them*, we pray thee, for *their* happy reunion with all the faithful departed in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who art found of those who seek thee in loneliness, and whose portion is sufficient for the sorrowful soul; Pour out, we pray thee, thy blessing upon *these* thy *servants* bereaved and afflicted. Thou only canst keep *their* feet from falling and *their* eyes from tears. Let not thy grace of patience fail *them*, nor thy love forsake *them;* but do thou so chasten, comfort, and sustain *their hearts* that in the country of peace and rest *they* may find, when the end cometh, an everlasting home. Grant this, we beseech thee, for his sake who hath gone thither that he may prepare a place for us, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ETERNAL and unchangeable God, in whom alone we find rest for our weariness and comfort for our sorrow, and from whom alone cometh all true joy; Keep our hearts, we beseech thee, ever fixed on thee through life and death, waiting patiently for that glorious day when we shall rejoice in the fulness of thy love for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who in the time of our shadow and darkness canst be our only true and lasting light; Look upon us thy sad children with thy constant mercy, and give unto us the spirit of understanding promised by thy dear Son. When our eyes no longer behold what we have loved, and when we listen for the footsteps of those who have gone out of our sight, and hear them not, what can we do but turn to thee? And when our hearts fail us, and we sigh for that which cannot be, and no traveller comes back from that far country, and there are none to comfort us, make us to trust in thee. Then comfort our souls with the words of thy Son, " I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Give us this comfort of Christ through the Spirit of Truth, in which grant us all to abide for evermore; through Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

COMFORT us, we beseech thee, gracious God, whensoever we are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world. And grant that by the energy of thy Holy Spirit we may be enabled to go on our way rejoicing, and may at length appear before thee in the city where the vision of thy peace is manifested; through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MOST Mighty, most Merciful Father, look down in thy infinite pity upon these bereaved ones, smitten to the dust, and overwhelmed with the greatness and suddenness of this sorrow. Help them to bear the burden of their grief. Help them to believe that thou lovest them. Let thy love shine graciously upon them in this dark day. Grant unto them thy blessing of resignation and trust in thee. Support and comfort them with thy Holy Spirit. And enable them so to do and to bear thy holy will, that after all the changes and trials of this mortal life they may, in thy Paradise, be united again with loved ones gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, merciful Father, even as Jesus Christ our Lord endured the Cross with joy because it was thy blessed will, so give us thy help in bearing the trouble which thou sendest upon us, that we may find in it how we may serve thee. Deliver us from rebellion at what is of thine appointment, from repining at our lot, and from a spirit of bitterness. Show us the service thou wouldest have us do for thee, and help us in the joy of that service to lose all trouble of spirit. Or, if it shall be thy will that we shall still dwell in darkness, help us even in the darkness to rejoice, knowing that thine ear is ever open to the cry of thy children, and that nothing can separate us from thy love and care. Grant this for the sake of that love which thou hast revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful Lord, who healest the inward man by outward afflictions, and by troubles in this world dost prepare us for eternal joys in the

world to come; By that cup of sorrow which thou didst drink for us, and by that weary path which thou didst tread, grant that we may willingly drink of thy cup, and cheerfully follow thee along the road where thou hast gone before; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost now reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, to whom is never any prayer made without hope of mercy and who layest on us no greater burden than thy grace can enable us to bear; Mercifully uphold *these* thy *servants* in *their* day of sorrow. From unwillingness to listen to thy fatherly voice; from useless wanderings after deliverers that cannot save, and from the sorrow of those who are without hope, deliver and save *them*, O Lord our God. We ask it in the name of him who livest and was dead and behold he is alive forevermore, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O THOU in whom we live and move and have our being, who seest where we are blind, who knowest where we are ignorant, do as thou thinkest fit with us this day. We ask thee not, we dare not ask thee, for earthly blessings for ourselves or those we hold most dear, but we pray thee to grant us faith and hope and love without measure; we implore thee to be the crown of all our joys, our abiding shelter in every sorrow, the good shepherd of thy flock throughout the world, leading them through weariness and trouble here to thy heavenly fold on high, where peace and joy forever dwell, and where thou wilt be all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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FATHER, we thank thee for the faithful souls that have blessed the world, whose lives shine as the light; holy ones who have feared God, who have bravely upheld the right, and generously lived for others' good; who have freely chosen suffering rather than sin, and felt thy favour to be better than life. O, may their pure and noble lives animate and

quicken our hearts. And in our souls may there burn a desire like them to become true children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE seem to give *him* back to thee, dear God, who gavest *him* to us. Yet, as thou didst not lose *him* in giving, so we have not lost *him* by *his* return. Not as the world giveth, givest thou, O Lover of Souls! What thou givest, thou takest not away. For what is thine is ours always, if we are thine. And life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to thyself that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with thee. And while thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place, that where they are, and thou art, we too may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST merciful God, with whom do rest in Paradise the spirits of those who have departed this life in peace and in thy favor; We commend to thy continual care and benediction the souls of all the dead in Christ, especially of those who were associated with us here on earth. Give them spiritual refreshment and enjoyment of their rest and of thy nearer presence. Advance them in perfectness and blessedness, changing them from glory to glory. Maintain the communion of saints between them and us while we remain here. Grant that in thy good time we may be re-united with them in the land of rest; and finally bring them and us to the home of glory; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose embrace all creatures live, in whatsoever world or condition they be; I beseech thee for him whose name and dwelling place and every need thou knowest. Lord, vouchsafe him light and rest, peace and refreshment, joy and consolation, in Paradise, in the companionship of saints, in the presence of Christ, in the ample folds of thy great love.

Grant that his life [so troubled here] may unfold itself in thy sight, and find a sweet employment in the spacious fields of eternity. If he hath ever been hurt or maimed by any unhappy word or deed of mine, I pray thee of thy great pity to heal and restore him, that he may serve thee without hindrance.

Tell him, O gracious Lord, it if may be, how much I love him and miss him and long to see him again; and, if there be ways in which he may come, vouchsafe him to me as a guide and guard, and grant me a sense of his nearness, in such degree as thy laws permit.

If in aught I can minister to his peace, be pleased of thy love to let this be; and mercifully keep me from every act which may deprive me of the sight of him as soon as our trial-time is over, or mar the fulness of our joy when the end of the days hath come.

Pardon, O gracious Lord and Father, whatsoever is amiss in this my prayer, and let thy will be done; for my will is blind and erring, but thine is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, to whom all things do live, mercifully look upon the souls of the faithful departed [especially —] and grant that they may be purified from all stain of sin, and, entering thy rest, may pass from glory to glory till they come to the full light of the Beatific Vision; to which we beseech thee to bring us also; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon the souls of the faithful departed. Give them eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

O GOD, who knowest the necessities of all thy children, we pray thee to have in thy holy keeping those precious souls, nearest and dearest to us, who have departed this life in thy faith and love. Provide for all their needs, sustain and comfort them, protect them from all ill, and grant them eternal joy in thy service. Give them peace and rest

in thy presence, and bring them to that glorious perfection promised to thy saints; for the sake of him, who died and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we pray thee that thou wilt open our eyes to behold the heaven that lies about us, wherein they walk who, being born to the new life, serve thee with the clearer vision and the greater joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Note.— *For other prayers, see Office for the Burial of the Dead, pp. 50–54, 57–58.*

READINGS
FROM THE BIBLE

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HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise. Psalm li: 1–17.

FOR we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. vii: 14–25 a.

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SAY not thou, It is through the Lord that I fell away: for thou oughtest not to do the things that he hateth. Say not thou, He hath caused me to err: for he hath no need of the sinful man. The Lord hateth all abomination; and they that fear God love it not. He himself made man from the beginning, and left him in the hand of his counsel; if thou wilt, to keep the commandments, and to perform acceptable faithfulness. He hath set fire and water before thee: stretch forth thy hand unto whether thou wilt. Before man is life and death; and whether him liketh shall be given him. For the wisdom of the Lord is great, and he is mighty in power, and beholdeth all things; and his eyes are upon them that fear him, and he knoweth every work of man. He hath commanded no man to do wickedly, neither hath he given any man licence to sin.

Ecclus. xv: 11–20.

AND unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Rev. iii: 14–22.

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IF thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice: (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them. . . . O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we render the calves of our lips. . . . I will ransom them from the power of the grave: I will redeem them from death: O

death, I will be thy plagues: O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. . . . I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. . . . Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein. Deut. iv: 29, etc.

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HEAR the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah i: 10–20.

FOR thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be

your strength: and ye would not. . . . Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment; blessed are all they that wait for him. For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Isaiah xxx: 15, 18–21.

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COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:

he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. . . . Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah xl: 1–11, 27–31

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BUT now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee . . . I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no Saviour. . . . I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. . . . For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Isaiah xliii: 1, 2, 11, 25, and lvii: 15.

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MY son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end. Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully,

and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate. For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. Believe in him and he will help thee; order thy way aright, and trust in him. Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; and go not aside, lest ye fall. Ye that fear the Lord, believe him; and your reward shall not fail. Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy. Look at the generations of old, and see; did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise, that called upon him? For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, longsuffering, and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction. Woe be to fearful hearts, and faint hands, and the sinner that goeth two ways! Woe unto him that is faint-hearted! for he believeth not; therefore shall he not be defended. Woe unto you that have lost patience! and what will ye do when the Lord shall visit you? They that fear the Lord will not disobey his word; and they that love him will keep his ways. They that fear the Lord will seek that which is wellpleasing unto him; and they that love him shall be filled with the law. They that fear the Lord will prepare their heart, and humble their souls in his sight, saying We will fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men; for as his majesty is, so is his mercy. Ecclus. ii.

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LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance and my God.
My soul is vexed within me; therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, from Hermon, and the little hill.
One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-floods all thy waves and storms are gone over me.
The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; and in the night-season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life.
I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword, while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
Namely, while they say daily unto me, Where is now thy God?
Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God. Psalm xlii.

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BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
For whilst I held my tongue, my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, and my moisture was like the drought in summer.
I acknowledged my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly make his

prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; surely the great water-floods shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not obey thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm xxxii.

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THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require, even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation,

with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord. Psalm xxvii.

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I WAITED patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.
Many shall see it, and fear, and shall put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord, and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.
O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts, which are to us-ward; and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.
If I should declare them, and speak of them, they should be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but mine ears hast thou opened.
Burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: then said I, Lo, I come;
In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God. I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.
I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.
I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.
I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth from the great congregation.
Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.
For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.
O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me.
Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.
Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame, that say unto me, Fie upon thee! fie upon thee!
Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised!
As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord careth for me.
Thou art my helper and redeemer: make no long tarrying, O my God. Psalm xl.

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BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

I will call unto the most high God, even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
God shall send forth his mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.
And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth.
They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul; they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.
My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.
Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp; I myself will awake right early.
I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth. Psalm lvii.

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I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.
Psalm cxxi.

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Thou art about my path, and about my bed; and art acquainted with all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; If I go down to hell, thou art there also.
If I take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; then shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to thee are both alike.
For my reins are thine; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works. and that my soul knoweth right well.
My bones are not hid from thee, though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book were all my members written;
Which day by day were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!
If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up, I am present with thee.
Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God? Depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
For they speak unrighteously against thee; and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

Yea, I hate them right sore; even as though they were mine enemies.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm cxxxix.

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IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort: thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be always of thee.

I am become as it were a monster unto many, but my sure trust is in thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying, God hath forsaken him; persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul; let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide alway, and will praise thee more and more.
My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; for I know no end thereof.
I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.
Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.
Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed, until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.
Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!
O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.
Thou hast brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side:
Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.
My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Psalm lxxi.

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MY delight is in the Lord because he hath heard the voice of my prayer.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.
What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. Psalm cxvi.

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I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King; and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee; and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy power.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be

showed; and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful; long-suffering, and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works.
All thy works praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. Psalm cxlv.

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THEREFORE I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not,

neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matt. vi: 25–34.

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AT that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matt. xi: 25–30.

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AND he said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And

when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell upon his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment; and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. Luke xv: 11–32.

WHEN the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matt. xxv: 31–46.

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VERILY, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how

shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John iii: 11–21.

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AND when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him; and he was nigh unto the sea. And behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death; I pray thee come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him and thronged him.

And a certain woman which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment; for she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And

Jesus immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague.

While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha-cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat. Mark v: 21–43.

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LABOUR not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered

and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John vi: 27–40.

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LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth

us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment. That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father

in my name, he may give it you. . . . And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. . . . Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John xiv: 1–21; xv: 11–16; xvi: 23, 24, 33; xiv: 27.

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FOR as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we

ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called : and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. viii: 14–39.

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BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. I John iii: 1 3.

WE are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak: knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. II Cor. iv: 8–v: 9.

BUT what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. . . . For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phil. iii: 7–17, 20, 21.

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BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come into you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another

with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. I Peter i: 3–25.

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BUT thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. . . . But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

I Tim. vi: 11–16 and II Tim. iv: 5–8.

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THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are

in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt-offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

Wis. iii: 1–8.

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THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah xxxv.

AFTER this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Rev. vii: 9–17.

NOTE—Other passages from the Bible may be found in this book, as follows: Psalm iii, page 26, Psalm xxiii, page 55; Psalm xxxix, page 43; Psalm xliii, page 27; Psalm xlvi, page 45; Psalm lxxvii, page 27; Psalm xc, page 44; Psalm ciii, page 29; Psalm cxxx, page 46; Psalm cxxxviii, page 28; Matt. xxviii: 18–20, page 13; Mark x: 13–16, page 12; John iii: 1–8, page 13; John vi: 47–51 page 38; I Cor. xv: 20–58, page 47; I John v: 13–15, page 38.

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ABIDE with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes:
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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WEARY of earth, and laden with my sin,
I look at heaven and long to enter in:
But there no evil thing may find a home:
And yet I hear a voice that bids me "Come."

So vile I am, how dare I hope to stand
In the pure glory of that holy land?
Before the whiteness of that throne appear?
Yet there are hands stretched out to draw me near.

The while I fain would tread the heavenly way,
Evil is ever with me day by day;
Yet on mine ears the gracious tidings fall,
"Repent, confess, thou shalt be loosed from all."

It is the voice of Jesus that I hear;
His are the hands stretched out to draw me near,
And His the blood that can for all atone,
And set me faultless there before the throne.

'Twas He Who found me on the deathly wild,
And made me heir of heaven, the Father's child,
And day by day, whereby my soul may live,
Gives me His grace of pardon, and will give.

O great Absolver, grant my soul may wear
The lowliest garb of penitence and prayer,
That in the Father's courts my glorious dress
May be the garment of Thy righteousness.

Yea, Thou wilt answer for me, righteous Lord;
Thine all the merits, mine the great reward;
Thine the sharp thorns, and mine the golden crown;
Mine the life won, and Thine the life laid down.

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JESUS, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life be past;
Safe into the haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me:
All my trust on Thee is stayed;
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cleanse from every sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within:

Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee:
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

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ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy side, a healing flood,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

Should my tears forever flow,
Should my zeal no langour know,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone;
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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ART thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distrest?
"Come to Me," saith One, "and coming,
Be at rest,"

Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
If He be my guide?
"In His feet and hands are wound-prints,
And His side."

Is there diadem, as monarch,
That His brow adorns?
"Yea, a crown, in very surety,
But of thorns."

If I find Him, if I follow
What His guerdon here?
" Many a sorrow, many a labor,
Many a tear."

If I still hold closely to Him,
What hath He at last?
" Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,
Jordan past."

If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?
" Not till earth, and not till heaven
Pass away."

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is He sure to bless?
Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs,
Answer, " Yes."

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NEARER, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross,
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer,
Weary and lone,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

There let my way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Altars I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

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JERUSALEM, the golden!
With milk and honey blest;
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, oh, I know not,
What joys await us there!
What radiancy of glory!
What bliss beyond compare!

They stand, those halls of Sion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast.
And they, who with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country,
That eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest!
Who art, with God the Father,
And Spirit, ever blest.

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THE King of love my Shepherd is.
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

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LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet! I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day; and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

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"COME unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."
Oh, blessèd voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts opprest!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto Me, ye wanderers,
And I will give you light."
Oh, loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way,
But He has brought us gladness,
And songs at break of day.

"Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life."
Oh, cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty,
And stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out."
Oh, welcome voice of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt!
Which calls us, very sinners,
Unworthy though we be
Of love so free and boundless,
To come, O Lord, to Thee.

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FIGHT the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

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DEAR Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

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MY God, how wonderful thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord;
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!

O how I fear thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope,
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as thou art,
For thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.

O LOVE that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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I SOUGHT the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Saviour true;
No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea —
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
As thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
Always thou lovedst me.

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AT even, when the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with what joy they went away.

Once more 'tis eventide, and we
  Oppressed with various ills draw near;
What if thy form we cannot see?
  We know and feel that thou art here.

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;
  For some are sick, and some are sad,
And some have never loved thee well,
  And some have lost the love they had,

And some have found the world is vain,
  Yet from the world they break not free,
And some have friends who give them pain,
  Yet have not sought a friend in thee.

And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,
  For none are wholly free from sin;
And they who fain would love thee best
  Are conscious most of wrong within.

O Saviour Christ, thou too art Man;
  Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried,
Thy kind but searching glance can scan
  The very wounds that shame would hide.

Thy touch has still its ancient power;
  No word from thee can fruitless fall;
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,
  And in thy mercy heal us all.

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O LOVE divine, that stooped to share
  Our sharpest pang, our bitterest tear!
On thee we cast each earth-born care;
  We smile at pain while thou art near.

Though long the weary way we tread,
  And sorrow crown each lingering year,
No path we shun, no darkness dread,
  Our hearts still whispering, thou art near.

When drooping pleasure turns to grief,
  And trembling faith is changed to fear,
The murmuring wind, the quivering leaf,
  Shall softly tell us, thou art near.

On thee we rest our burdening woe,
O Love divine, for ever dear!
Content to suffer while we know,
Living and dying, thou art near.

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THOU art my hiding-place, O Lord,
In thee I put my trust;
Encouraged by thy holy word,
A feeble child of dust:
I have no argument beside,
I urge no other plea;
And 'tis enough my Saviour died,
My Saviour died for me.

When storms of fierce temptation beat,
And furious foes assail,
My refuge is the mercy-seat,
My hope within the veil.
From strife of tongues and bitter words
My spirit flies to thee:
Joy to my heart the thought affords,
My Saviour died for me.

Mid trials heavy to be borne,
When mortal strength is vain,
A heart with grief and anguish torn,
A body racked with pain,
Ah! what could give the sufferer rest,
Bid every murmur flee,
But this, the witness in my breast
That Jesus died for me?

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JUST as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am: Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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THOU knowest, Lord, the weariness and sorrow
Of the sad heart that comes to Thee for rest;
Cares of to-day, and burdens of to-morrow,
Blessings implored, and sins to be confest:
We come before Thee at Thy gracious word.
And lay them at Thy feet: Thou knowest, Lord.

Thou knowest all the past; how long and blindly
On the dark mountains the lost wanderer strayed;
How the Good Shepherd followed, and how kindly
He bore it home, upon His shoulders laid;
And healed the bleeding wounds, and soothed the pain,
And brought back life, and hope, and strength again.

Thou knowest all the present; each temptation,
Each toilsome duty, each foreboding fear;
All to each one assigned, of tribulation,
Or to belovèd ones, than self more dear;
All pensive memories, as we journey on,
Longings for vanished smiles and voices gone.

Thou knowest all the future; gleams of gladness
By stormy clouds too quickly overcast;
Hours of sweet fellowship and parting sadness,
And the dark river to be crossed at last.
Oh, what could hope and confidence afford
To tread that path, but this? Thou knowest, Lord.

Thou knowest, not alone as God, all-knowing;
As Man, our mortal weakness Thou hast proved;
On earth, with purest sympathies o'erflowing,
O Saviour, Thou hast wept, and Thou hast loved;
And love and sorrow still to Thee may come,
And find a hiding-place, a rest, a home.

Therefore we come, Thy gentle call obeying,
And lay our sins and sorrows at Thy feet;
On everlasting strength our weakness staying,
Clothed in Thy robe of righteousness complete:
Then rising and refreshed we leave Thy throne,
And follow on to know as we are known.

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HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word?
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed!
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake.

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BREAST the wave, Christian,
When it is strongest;
Watch for day, Christian,
When the night's longest;
Onward and onward still
Be thine endeavor;
The rest that remaineth
Will be forever.

Fight the fight, Christian,
Jesus is o'er thee;
Run the race, Christian,
Heaven is before thee;
He Who hath promisèd
Faltereth never;
He Who hath loved so well,
Loveth forever.

Lift thine eye, Christian,
Just as it closeth;
Raise thy heart, Christian,
Ere it reposeth;
Thee from the love of Christ
Nothing shall sever;
And, when thy work is done,
Praise Him forever.

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BREAD of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead;

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

AND now, O Father, mindful of the love
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
And having with us him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to thee,
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
And only look on us as found in him;
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
For lo! between our sins and their reward,
We set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,
By this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
And crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still!
And by this Food, so awful and so sweet,
Deliver us from every touch of ill:
In thine own service make us glad and free,
And grant us nevermore to part with thee.

. . . .

SUNSET and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;

For, though from out our bourne of time and
place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

. . . .

NOW the laborer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the tears of earth are dried;
There its hidden things are clear;
There the work of life is tried
By a juster Judge than here.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the penitents, that turn
To the cross their dying eyes.
All the love of Jesus learn
At His feet in Paradise.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There no more the powers of hell
Can prevail to mar their peace;
Christ the Lord shall guard them well,
He Who died for their release.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust,"
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the resurrection-day.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

SAFELY, safely gathered in,
Far from sorrow, far from sin,
No more childish griefs or fears,
No more sadness, no more tears;
For the life so young and fair
Now hath passed from earthly care;
God Himself the soul will keep,
Giving His beloved sleep.

Safely, safely gathered in,
Far from sorrow, far from sin;
Passed beyond all grief and pain
Death for thee is truest gain;
For our loss we may not weep,
Nor our loved ones long to keep
From the home of rest and peace,
Where all sin and sorrow cease.

Safely, safely gathered in,
Far from sorrow, far from sin;
God has saved from weary strife,
In its dawn, this fresh young life;
Now it waits for us above,
Resting in the Saviour's love;
Jesu, grant that we may meet
There, adoring, at Thy feet.

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